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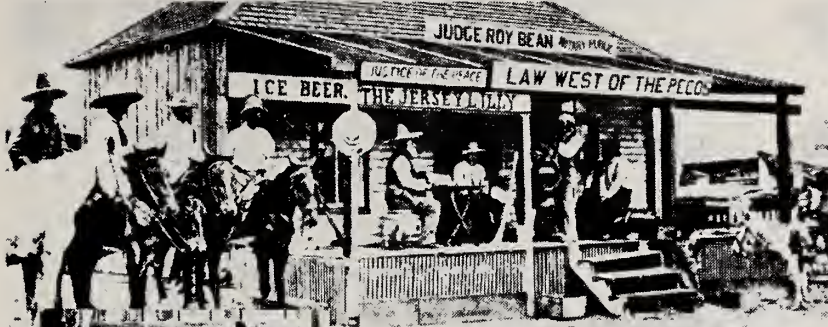
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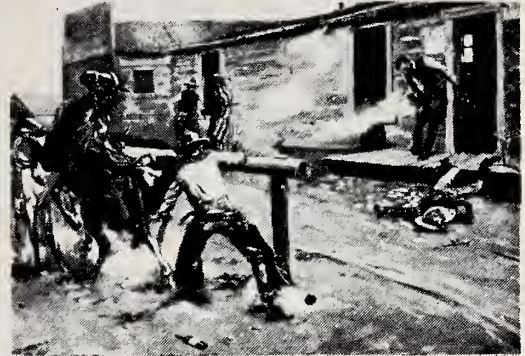
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About our authors

"Blood: A Shortage More Vital Than Oil" was written by Tom Mahoney, author of nine books, more than 400 magazine articles and numerous stories appearing in this publication over the years. Also a stamp collector, Mahoney worked with various blood banks to persuade the U.S. Post Office to issue the "Giving Blood Saves Lives" commemorative stamp in 1971.

A veteran newspaperman with 35 year's experience, Sterling G. Slappey

wrote "History's Most Incriminating Evidence." Slappey is now senior staff member of the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC.

Raymond Schuessler, a frequent contributor to this publication, wrote "Wealth on the Time Plan." A freelance writer for 25 years, Schuessler shows once again that he can take what appears to be a commonplace topic and give it a new slant guaranteed to spur reader interest.

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"An Oath to Mutiny" was staff written by Dan Wheeler.

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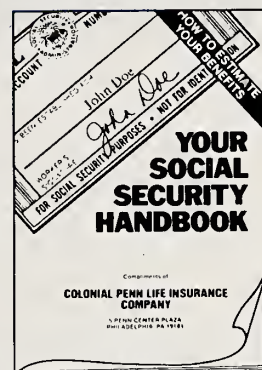
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Commander's Message

New War For Independence



Frank I. Hamilton

A century ago the United States was powered by steam, wood, coal and the hard muscles of men and beasts. Now we are powered by OPEC oil to an alarming degree. In the span of 100 years, this nation's standard and style of living have shifted from dependence on "Yankee ingenuity" and individual ambition, ability and hard work to dependence on the whims and policies of foreign oil powers who use economic and energy blackmail.

Think back to the early 1960s. A gallon of heating oil cost about a dime; today it's about a dollar. A gallon of gasoline was about a quarter; today it's five times that and getting more expensive by the month. Such is the economic toll of our national energy dependence on foreign petroleum products.

Recent events have made it painfully apparent that the cost of such dependence cannot be calculated in dollars alone. What is at stake, if this situation continues unchecked, is our American way of life and, possibly, our national honor.

The time has come when we must wage a new war for independence. Corrective steps must be taken to free ourselves from the heinous and tyrannical hold of the OPEC cartel. Measures must be effected which will divorce our economy, foreign policy and industrial complex from

their debilitating addiction to foreign oil.

It's time to face the truth and begin talking sense. It's time to realize that significant advances in this "moral equivalent of war" cannot be made without individual sacrifice while effective programs are developed to find the many resources still untapped on the North American continent. A barrel of oil saved today is every bit as good as a barrel of oil produced overseas; each barrel not imported brings us closer to solving our problem.

The American Legion has indicated repeatedly to Congress that we are strongly committed to overcoming our national energy crisis. Recently our existing energy resolutions have been heeded and given credence by government officials. In fact, when the President addressed the nation on July 15, 1979, his proposed national energy policy reiterated several points outlined in the Legion's score of energy resolutions.

Specifically:

- The President called for the establishment of an Energy Mobilization Board to speed up the permit procedure for priority energy projects. We called for similar action in Resolution No. 85 (approved in August 1978).

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- He asked for a massive synthetic fuels program, an initiative which The American Legion had as policy in Resolution No. 200 (approved in 1978).

- President Carter also asked for an energy security trust fund to provide price and loan guarantees to industry for the development of alternate sources of energy and for assistance to those on fixed incomes and for the poor. We have Resolutions demanding such action.

Yet, eight months later, veterans
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RICHARD B. ELLIS
Ethol, MA

• "Mountbatten: A Life Struggle for Vindication" was most interesting for us China-Burma-India veterans. His wartime skills were good, only to be excelled by his notable leadership as a world diplomat. We have benefited from his example and will not soon forget him.

HAROLD F. CLAUSEN
Minneapolis, MN

• I wish to express my admiration for the writing of Ernest Cuneo in his excellent article "Mountbatten: A Life Struggle for Vindication," the account of this world hero's accomplishments.

WILLIAM E. OVERALL
Louisville, KY

• "Mountbatten: A Life Struggle for Vindication"—a splendid tribute to one of the great personages of our time!

P. F. CONNELL
Portland, ME

Help for Johnny

• The American Legion Magazine and Dr. Howard Hurwitz are to be congratulated on the timely article "Wen Johnny Komes Marchen Home" (December). It hit the target! I write as a guidance counselor in New York City high schools where lack of home discipline, poverty and a high percentage of single parent homes are taking their toll. These children have very low math and reading skills in addition to atrocious attendance records. One way to help this situation is by more

supportive services—home visits, social awareness, and perhaps reinstatement of the Jr. ROTC.

PHILIP J. CASTIGLIA
New York, NY

• As a high school principal, I take exception to the implication in "Wen Johnny Komes Marchen Home" that "teachers and administrators cannot sidestep major responsibility for poor reading and bad behavior of too many of today's youths." We feed them every day. We teach them every day, but only from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Parents are responsible for these persons the other 17 hours of the day, and they are not doing a very good job of tending and disciplining their children. How can we overcome these obvious negative conditions in view of the constraints placed upon schools by court decisions and other interpretations of law that hinder our effectiveness in dealing with disciplinary problems?

TIMOTHY BOWERS
Murphysboro, IL

Cheers for Noel

• My entire family thoroughly enjoyed "Christmas In Ste. Mère Eglise." It may be of interest to other D-Day veterans to know that since 1950 the Society of the First Division (US INF Div. veterans), has sponsored a Christmas party each year for the children of Solville-Sur-Mer, which, together with the neighboring village of St. Laurent, were primary objectives on June 6, 1944.

THOMAS F. LANCER
Washington, DC

Iwo Jima

• Thank you for the reminiscence in "Two Flags of Iwo Jima" (November). As a gunner's mate on *LST 779*, I recall the Marine coming aboard ship, telling of the battle atop the mountain and requesting one of our ship's Sunday ensigns because the flag they had was too small to be seen from a distance. It was a superb historical story for those of us who were there.

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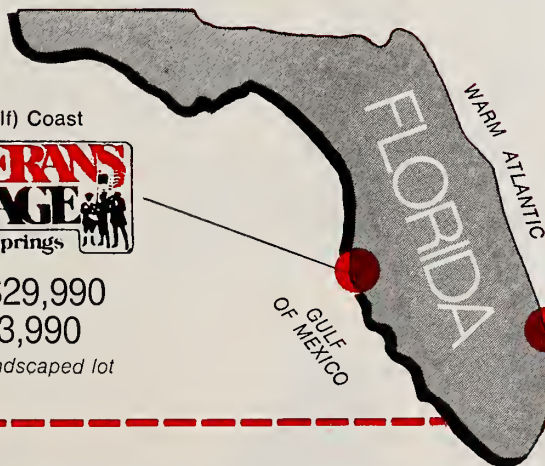
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Big Issues

Does Our Economy Need

Mandatory Wage-Price Controls?



*Rep. Ron Mottl
(D-Ohio)*

Yes. Today we are at a crossroads in our nation's economic history.

That is, we can accept perpetual high inflation as part of modern life, factoring it into all of our personal and business financial decisions.

Or, we can stop complaining about inflation and act decisively to bring it under control.

I do not hesitate to choose the latter course, and that is why I believe we must have mandatory wage and price controls on all sectors of the economy.

Inflation is straining and tearing the very fabric of our society. Each person, each group, feels the pressure. It's felt by the Social Security recipient in every visit to the grocery store. It's felt by the labor union leader, compelled to ask for high settlements merely to keep his union members abreast of prices. It's felt by the businessman who must reprice his goods to keep ahead of skyrocketing costs.

This is the essence of inflationary psychology—the desperate fear that to stay in one place is to actually move backward. So everyone demands more—more pay, higher prices—and the upward spiral of inflation continues.

Incomes and expenses will double within a decade at present inflation rates. And eventually wheelbarrows will go at a premium, because that's what we'll need to carry the money to the store for a bag of groceries, so worthless will our currency have become.

Wage and price controls, properly implemented, can provide the jolt to break this spiral. Controls would give us time to implement long-term inflation antidotes such as a balanced federal budget, a restrained monetary policy and regulatory reform.

Polls show that more than half of the American people favor mandatory controls. So the public is more willing than its elected leaders to wade into the inflation fight.

To contend that mandatory wage and price controls cannot be made workable is to adopt the spineless, defeatist attitude that only guarantees more years of double-digit inflation.

Clearly, controls are all we have left. The President's voluntary wage-price guidelines are an abject failure, as inflation rips along at more than 13 percent 15 months after this program began.

The AFL-CIO Executive Committee aptly said last year: "We do not welcome government operation of the marketplace. But recession is worse; runaway inflation is worse."

I have cosponsored a bill to actually cut Congressional pay, rather than continue to award automatic pay boosts as the cost of living goes up. While the bill has little chance of passage, my point is simply that if Congress felt the inflation pinch that the average Joe feels, we would have mandatory wage-price controls within weeks.



*Rep. S. William Green
(R-NY)*

No. Wage and price controls have not worked in the past. They are even less likely to work in the future.

A brief review of America's experience with such controls demonstrates their ineffectiveness.

World War II's price controls, despite all the wartime patriotism behind them, spawned large black markets. More recently, the experience of Nixon price controls gives scant support to those who favor wage-price controls.

When Phase I of wage and price controls was instituted in August 1971, the pace of inflation had probably begun to slow, a rather unusual time to put on controls. Nonetheless, controls were imposed and the administration tried to use them to restrain inflation while implementing a stimulative economic policy to reduce unemployment. That, combined with the OPEC oil price increases and disruptions in the commodity markets, caused a buildup of inflationary pressures that were released as soon as the controls were relaxed.

Not only have controls historically failed, but there are inherent problems that are probably impossible to overcome. No matter when controls are implemented, they will not impact industries equally because each industry has its own particular economic cycle. Thus, resource allocation can easily be distorted and imbalances created between economic sectors, resulting in lower productivity.

Enforcement of wage and price controls has proven to be an administrative nightmare as well. While a short-term freeze may be enforceable, companies have been adroit in finding loopholes in guidelines. Furthermore, wages seem to be easier to police, putting an unfair burden on wage earners as has basically been the case to date under the Carter wage-price guidelines.

Imposition of controls in 1980 makes no sense. The President currently has no standby authority so they cannot be put into effect suddenly. Instead, the President would have to go to Congress for authority for controls. While such legislation was winding its way through Congress, business and labor would be doing their best to push up prices and wages against the day when controls would exist.

Our increasing dependence on imports, such as OPEC oil, also makes wage-price controls impractical, since more and more parts of our economy fall outside our ability to control costs.

There is one basic cause of inflation. Our aspirations exceed what our economic system can produce. Rather than say "no" to anyone, Congress votes huge deficits which the Federal Reserve System finances by printing money. Meanwhile, America's growth in productivity has been slowing down. Thus more dollars chase a fixed supply of goods. We must address the issue of deficits and productivity if we want to beat inflation.

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News to Use

Compensation for Flight Inconveniences

Because of the volume of air traffic these days, chances are that sooner or later you will run into some inconveniences. Here is a list of your rights on domestic flights and all flights leaving the United States.

Overbooking: If you're bumped, have a confirmed ticket, and have turned up at the gate on time, the airline must compensate you in one of two ways:

- For involuntary bumping, you will get a "denied boarding compensation" ranging from \$37.50 to \$200, providing the line can get you to your destination within two hours of your original flight (four hours on international flights). For longer delays, the compensation doubles.

- If, on the other hand, you agree to be bumped, the airline will negotiate your compensation; you bargain for the best penalty you can get.

Baggage: The maximum that airlines will pay for lost, delayed or damaged baggage on domestic flights is \$750. If your possessions are worth more than that, it may be wise to buy extra insurance. Also important, don't leave the airport without reporting your loss (keep a copy of the report).

For baggage that's gone for good, the airline will try to negotiate a settlement on depreciated value. For damaged goods, payment usually is cost of repairs. Also, when you're badly inconvenienced, the airline likely will give you some money to cover emergency purchases.

Delayed Flights: If the delay is more than four hours, airlines usually offer to pay for necessary phone calls and meals. If you're stranded overnight away from home, most lines will provide a free hotel room.

Highlights of New Federal Bankruptcy Law

Lending institutions hereafter will think twice before extending more credit to people already up to their necks in debt. That's because a new federal bankruptcy law has eased the penalties for going broke. Specifically, the following can't be touched:

- \$7,500 worth of real property used as a residence by the debtor.
- Motor vehicles up to \$1,200.
- \$200 in clothing, appliances and furnishings.
- \$750 worth of tools or books used on the job.
- Certain support payments—such as alimony—to the extent that they are vital to the debtor and dependents.

Furthermore, a bankrupt person can choose state exemptions if they are more lenient than the federal ones, unless the state forbids it. Four states—Florida, Louisiana, Ohio and Virginia—have such a ban.

Despite the easier rules, bankruptcy still should be avoided. It puts a blot on a person's credit record that could bedevil him for years.

Money Matters That Are Making News

Worth keeping in mind:

Cheaper Foods: The big grocery chains continue to extend the list of "no name" items they offer at prices lower than brand lines. The roster is approaching 200 now, and includes such newcomers as bacon, powdered sugar, peanuts and even toiletries.

Share the Wealth: If you can't come up with \$10,000 to invest in a high-interest, six-month money market certificate, some savings and thrift institutions now will lend you up to \$5,000 to make the grade. This cuts into your earnings, of course, but you still will do about twice as well as by leaving your money on ordinary deposit.

Rebates: Note the trend by manufacturers and retailers to offer rebates as an inducement to buy. Why not cut prices outright? Mainly because it's easier to abolish the rebate when business picks up. Moreover, there's a psychological angle: Customers feel better when they think they're being paid to buy.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

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BLOOD:

**Though still critical,
America's blood deficit is being surmounted**

By Tom Mahoney

Concern over gasoline and heating oil has obscured other shortages. One is the shortage of blood available for transfusion.

Blood shortages receive little notice because they usually are seasonal, local, temporary and may involve only a single blood type. There were air appeals last October, for example, for B-positive blood, not especially rare, but badly needed for one of the VA Hospitals in New York City.

In the aggregate, however, the quantities involved become significant because in each of the past six years the ill and injured in the United States have needed more blood than was collected nationally.

To bridge the gap between supply and demand, the Greater New York

City big city blood shortages that sometimes force hospitals to postpone elective surgery. In addition, life-saving surgery has been threatened by such things as the January blizzards which paralyzed most of the Northeast. The snows created major blood problems for Washington, Philadelphia and Boston, as well as a nine-day crisis in New York City in 1978.

Dr. Aaron Kellner, Director of the New York Blood Center, and Red Cross officials term Euroblood "a useful interim strategy," but plan to phase it out as more blood is collected in the Northeast.

Euroblood, meanwhile, has its critics, especially among leaders of the American Association of Blood Banks, the principal rival of the Red Cross in blood collecting. "It is a blood source that could be cut off at any moment, causing serious, immediate supply problems," Dr. Byron A. Myhre of Palos Verdes, CA, then President of the Association, told a Senate subcommittee last summer. "But equally important, Euroblood highlights this nation's failure to provide its own blood needs. It is a national disgrace that we must rely on the life blood of another nation."

Importation of Euroblood is likely to continue. The need for blood has soared to approximately 11.5 million units a year in the United States. Chemical substitutes for it may someday be available and the National Institutes of Health have invested \$1 million in a search for blood substitutes. Recently, 10 patients in Japan were transfused with emulsions of fluocarbons, inert chemicals that carry oxygen-like red blood cells. But for at least a few years, blood for Americans must

Must we rely on the life blood of another nation for our survival?

Blood Program has imported red blood cells from Red Cross Centers in Switzerland, West Germany and Belgium since 1973. Called "Euroblood," these are voluntarily-donated cells that otherwise would be discarded after separation from their plasma which remains (and is used) in Europe.

Imports of Euroblood have grown almost 12-fold since the program began in 1973 and today equal about 2 percent of the national blood supply. They have reduced, but not eliminated, seasonal New Year and Labor

A Shortage More Vital Than Oil

come from humans and will continue to be perishable.

While perhaps 95 percent of the blood is donated, the cost of handling, typing, testing, processing, possibly fractionating, and transfusing it has risen to around \$75 a pint, a matter of some \$900 million in medical care.

So much blood is needed, in part, because of our aging population. Anybody who lives to be 72, as more and more of us do, is likely to need blood at least once. Medicare patients use more than three million pints a year. Cancer patients receive about a fourth of the transfusions. Open-heart surgery, once rare, is now common and requires pints of blood. Surgery in general uses 60 percent of our blood resources. Improved concentrates of the clotting factor enable hemophiliacs to live normal lives at a cost of up to \$20,000 a year for these products.

In their 1975 book "Journey," Robert Massie, a Korean War Navy veteran, and his wife Suzanne recounted the rearing of their hemophiliac son. In one passage they pointed to a very real problem when they termed American blood collection and distribution "appallingly inefficient.

"As a nation," they wrote, "we are extraordinarily stingy in giving

blood . . . only 3 percent of the eligible donor population actually gives. Worse, we waste 28 percent . . . by letting it become outdated. There are appalling differences . . . in the way blood is made available . . . In some happy places, the community accepts total responsibility for replacement; in others, the user is required to replace . . . in either blood or money.

"In every other advanced industrial nation—societies as diverse as Holland, Australia, Sweden, France, Britain and Canada—some form of centralized national blood service collects efficiently and processes all blood . . . It is then distributed free to every citizen who needs it. Blood and blood products can be made available at no cost because no one in these countries makes a profit on blood . . . because the state considers that its citizens need blood just as much as they need an army, or highways, or public schools . . . and mostly because all blood in these countries is voluntarily donated by socially-responsible, public-spirited citizens."

Tackling this problem at home is the American Blood Commission, a non-profit group made up of representatives of 40 national organizations. It was formed with encouragement of the Department of

Health, Education and Welfare to implement a national policy designed to solve blood problems voluntarily.

Commission members include the principal blood collectors and other organizations representing patients, donors, physicians, hospitals and the public interest. Because of its long interest in blood, The American Legion has been a member since the birth of the Commission.

The Commission is chartered to "develop a national blood program designed to assure an adequate supply and efficient distribution of safe, high quality blood to meet the needs of all the people of the United States, using effective collection techniques from voluntary donors." This will take care of the blood policy goal of equal access to blood for "everyone in need, regardless of economic status." The Commission also is to develop "through the accumulation of experience and information, a resource center to serve all who seek understanding of blood banking . . . and to function as a channel of information between the private sector and government."

Financed principally by dues, the Commission has modest quarters and a small staff in Arlington, VA. Money is also raised by a sponsorship program. Grants from foundations or government agencies help fund other projects. These are carried out by contract investigators or committees and task forces of experts. Officers of the Commission are unpaid. James B. Hubbard of The American Legion's Washington staff is secretary and
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Everyone Can Help: Here's What To Do

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Those unable to give their time are encouraged to make contributions to the various blood collecting and distributing organizations. Your donations help offset the tremendous costs incurred by those who process blood and blood parts.

No matter what role you choose—blood donor, volunteer aide or financial supporter—you become one of millions who freely give the gift of life to their fellow humans. ■



An Oath to Mutiny

The true story of the Navy's most famous mutiny is related here. Herman Melville based *Billy Budd*, *Foretopman* partly on the facts of this case.

By Dan Wheeler

The skipper's gold epaulets caught the glint of the ocean sun, causing the prisoner to squint. "Mr. Spencer," the commander said, "all of your brother officers, your mess-mates included, believe you guilty... and your death justified."

"They are right, they are right," he sobbed. "I deserve death for this and many other crimes."

Even if the punishment would later be thought harsh and unjust, there was never any doubt about the appropriateness of the charge. Acting Midshipman Philip Spencer, the ne'er-do-well son of President John Tyler's Secretary of War, had plotted a mutiny aboard the brig USS *Somers* in the autumn of 1842. It had been his scheme; he alone was its driving force.

Months later, at the commanding officer's court-martial, witnesses would testify that Spencer had planned to kill *Somers'* officers and loyal sailors, then turn the warship into his personal privateer, Jolly Roger and all. That done, he had intended to "select such of the female passengers [of captured ships] as were suitable, and after they had been used... to dispose of them."

The 19-year-old Spencer, however,

never heard that testimony. His last hours were spent in double irons and handcuffs, his raw skin soothed only by the northeast trade winds. Near midday, he and fellow conspirator Elisha Small were led aft to where their sentences were to be carried out. "Small," he said to the seaman, "forgive me for leading you into this trouble."

"Ah, Mr. Spencer, that is a hard thing for you to ask me," replied Small. "I do forgive you... may God Almighty forgive you also."

Turning then to the captain, Small said, "You are doing your duty, and I honor you for it. God bless the flag and prosper it."

Moments later, Commander Alexander Slidell Mackenzie, the brig's commanding officer, ordered Small hoisted by his neck to a starboard yardarm. With billowed sail, *Somers* plowed on toward Charlotte Amalie in the Danish West Indies as tars heaved around. The hooded Spencer was hanged from a port yardarm and yet another mutineer was hanged to starboard, still protesting his innocence.

"Tell my wife I die an innocent man," proclaimed Boatswain's Mate Samuel Cromwell as he ended his life at the bitter end of a trailing line, December 1, 1842.

Mr. Spencer, this joke may cost you your life.

All day their bodies swung near the aft shrouds, a grim reminder of the mutineer's lot in a navy which tolerated little skylarking and no conspiratorial whispers. An hour after the dog watches were set, Spencer, Small and Cromwell were cut down and their bodies consigned to the sea.

It had all started with the best of intentions. Commodore Matthew C. Perry, a leading naval reformer of the day, had persuaded Congress to

approve an apprentice system so "our Navy would be manned entirely by Americans" and thus end the nation's reliance on foreign sailors to man native vessels.

To that end, Perry's brother-in-law, Cdr. Mackenzie, was given command of the 10-gun *Somers*, the first—and last—"school ship" for naval apprentices. Mackenzie, a 39-year-old officer of the highest reputation, set sail from New York on September 13, 1842, bound for the African coast with 13 officers, some 100 men and 74 teenage apprentice boys under his command.

An able officer, the commander was also a stern disciplinarian who tolerated no foolishness. The penalty for the slightest infraction was six lashes with a cat-o'-nine-tails administered by a bosun whose very voice had the power to make the lame run like children and the sick scurry up the riggings like spiders on a web.

No one is certain when Mr. Spencer first began to dream of assuming *Somers'* command, but the purser's steward, J. W. Wales, was the first to report it.

It happened like this.

Somewhere around 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 25, Steward Wales was smoking his pipe topside, just taking in a bit of sea breeze before turning in. He hadn't been on the spar deck long before Spencer approached him, seeming eager to pass the time with polite conversation.

Though midshipmen of the era were technically officers awaiting only Congress' conferral of gentility and a billet to fill, they lived and messed with the crew. Even so, most had the good sense to maintain a discrete aloofness, knowing the day would come when their word must command respect from the tar.

This, however, was not the case with Acting Midshipman Spencer. "He was a constant offender in... trying to bridge an unbridgeable distance in rank between man and officer," a contemporary historian

wrote of Spencer's conduct.

On this particular night, Spencer invited Wales to go with him on top of the booms for a private chat, though few other than the watch section were on deck. Wales didn't particularly care for the "middie," but he went, hoping the conversation would be short.

"Do you fear death? Do you fear a dead man? Are you afraid to kill a man?" Spencer blurted at Wales.

The steward stared at the young officer, uncertain of what to say.

"Can you keep a secret and will you keep one?" he continued. "If so, take an oath."

Wales did as he was told and then Spencer began to confide for half an hour a daring and detailed plan for mutiny. All this Spencer was telling to a man with a sense of devotion akin to those who wore pieces of Old Ironsides around their necks as some wore crucifixes.

"Is this man serious or is he unbalanced?" Wales must have thought. Though he had no way of knowing it, some of Spencer's acquaintances had

wondered the same thing and described him as: "...the son of a proud, cold, ruthless Secretary of War, himself of the same stamp but with the balance wheel left off...."

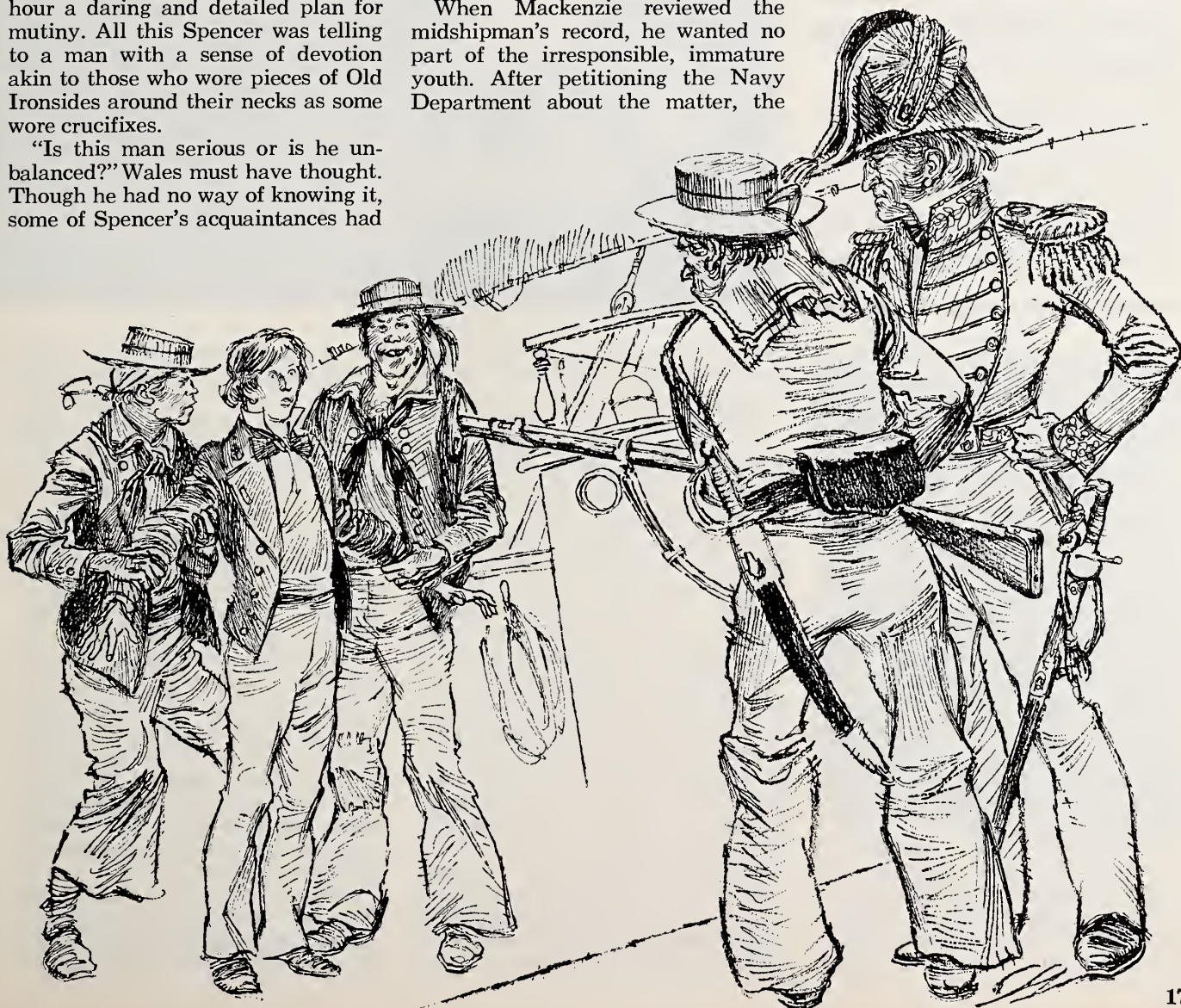
Before being assigned to *Somers*, Spencer had been expelled from two colleges and dismissed from several ships for drunkenness. On the USS *Potomac*, he had openly talked of mutiny and subsequently been warned and reprimanded by his family. Even during his short time aboard *Somers* he had acquired a reputation as a loafer and dreamer. He had often talked with brother officers about piracy and pirates, relishing the conversation as would a small child.

When Mackenzie reviewed the midshipman's record, he wanted no part of the irresponsible, immature youth. After petitioning the Navy Department about the matter, the

commander was overruled. Perhaps the decision was the result of influence wielded by the boy's father or in consideration of the fact that his grandfather had been Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New York. At any rate, now Spencer was there talking mutiny on the booms.

Before Wales could scamper away, the pair was approached by Elisha Small, a testy little man with a no-nonsense disposition. Spencer immediately set Small at ease by telling him that the steward was "one of us." Swearing Wales to secrecy under penalty of death, Spencer dismissed him.

Wales knew what must be done,
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By Herbert Romerstein

Terror tactics are being used with alarming frequency, and on a global scale, to intimidate citizens in the free world and press home the apparent urgency of terrorists' demands. Murder, kidnapping, bombing, hijacking and skyjacking are all integral parts of the terrorist arsenal.

No diplomat, corporate executive, government official or influential person in any discipline—or their families—seems immune from attack. Indeed, they are all sought as prized victims in this deadly game of international barbarity.

The terror network, whose deeds garner ever more media coverage as the incidents increase, has claimed

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responsibility for scores of acts of violence. Notable among them are: the murder of Lord Mountbatten; the kidnapping and murder of Aldo Moro, a high Italian official; the murder of Israeli athletes; bombing Fraunces Tavern in NYC; bombing New York banks and the Mobil Building; bombing the State Department and U.S. Capitol; and the murder of the U.S. Ambassador to Nicaragua. The list could go on.

Though there is no easy solution—or yet devised solution—to the problem of terrorism, yet the identity of those responsible and their backers are known. Operating in small groups, terrorists cooperate with each other and receive arms, training and support from powerful governments—notably, the Soviet Union.

Last summer, at a conference on international terrorism held in Jerusalem, Robert Moss, a British expert on terrorism, said: "The states that provide official backing for international terrorism include the Soviet

bloc countries, Cuba and North Vietnam; the radical Arab states of Libya, Syria, South Yemen and Algeria; and Iran. . . ."

Moss provided substantial evidence to document the Soviet role and he noted that the 1977 Soviet constitution requires support for "national liberation struggles." That heady phrase is, of course, a euphemism for "terrorist activities."

Known by many names internationally, terrorists have been called everything from "freedom fighters" to "lunatics," and considerable study has been devoted in recent years to trying to ascertain the true nature of terrorism. Congressman Larry McDonald (D-GA) challenged the designation of terrorists as "freedom fighters" or even as "strugglers for national liberation."

He said: "[Terrorism is] a violent attack on a non-combatant segment of the community for the purpose of intimidation to achieve a political or military objective." While recogniz-

ing that some nations have won freedom from cruel autocracy using guerrilla warfare, McDonald drew a sharp distinction between guerilla activities, which target an enemy army, and terrorism, which targets civilians.

Who are they?

A number of figures have emerged from the terrorist underground and have been identified as playing an important role in coordinating international movements. Carlos the Jackal is one. A Venezuelan communist, educated and trained in Moscow, Carlos has directed an army of terrorists of various nationalities in support of the PLO and their objectives. While many of his targets have been Israeli, others include a prominent British Jew and OPEC ministers at their Vienna meeting in 1975.

Latin American and some European and Middle Eastern nations receive their arms and economic support through Cuba. Cuba, in turn,



The victim of a terrorist kidnapping and murder, the body of Italy's former prime minister, Aldo Moro, is found in the back of a Renault on May 10, 1978.



ists, operate in the open. One, the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee (PFOC)—said to be the above-ground support organization for Weather Underground which has claimed responsibility for some 30 bombings in the United States—was infiltrated several years ago by FBI agents. The agents learned that members actually participated in terrorist activities. As a result of that investigation, five PFOC leaders were arrested and tried on a bomb plot. All pleaded guilty. All will be eligible for parole in a few years.

Another terrorist group operating within the United States is the Armed Forces for the Liberation of Puerto Rico (FALN). They demanded in 1975, after bombing Fraunces Tavern in NYC, that the Puerto Rican nationalists, who attempted to mur-

Many law enforcement agencies have abandoned their domestic intelligence functions.

serves as a major conduit for Soviet support to international terrorists.

The Venceremos Brigade is used by Castro's intelligence service (the DGI) as a recruiting agency for Americans interested in subversion and terrorism. American college students who want to see "how things are done" in Cuba can visit, ostensibly to cut sugar cane. Most who make the pilgrimage *do*, in fact, cut cane and *do* nothing else.

However, the DGI—according to the FBI—has trained some of these students in the use of firearms and explosives, and is eager to recruit any individual who is politically oriented and has the potential to some day obtain an elective or appointive position somewhere in U.S. government. Supposedly, these Cuban-indoctrinated American students would, once placed in government office, wittingly or unwittingly provide the communists with political, economic and military intelligence.

The support groups for the terror-

der President Truman in 1950 and shot up the House of Representatives in 1954, be released.

On September 6, 1979, President Carter granted them clemency. Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti, announcing their release, said there was little risk of the four "becoming the rallying point for terrorist groups."

All four later showed up in Chicago where they denounced the United States at a mammoth rally. Welcomed as heroes by many in Puerto Rico, the four terrorists later were given medals in Havana by Castro himself for their actions.

In July 1978, Kristina Berster, a known member of the Baader-Meinhof gang, was arrested at the Canadian border while trying to illegally enter the United States. Berster carried a passport stolen from the Iranian Consulate General in Geneva in 1976 when a group of Iranian students took over the consulate during a violent demonstration. Berster's at-

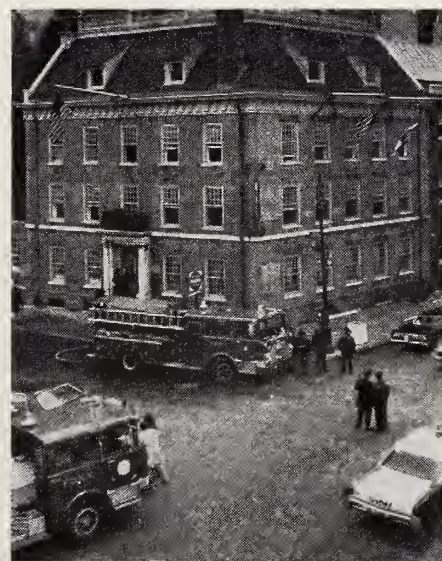
tempt to enter the country raised some serious questions about the possibility of terrorist activities at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, NY.

Is there a solution?

As terrorist activity increases in the United States, it becomes apparent that the responsible groups must be monitored in some way, as Congressman John Ashbrook of Ohio has pointed out. Coordinated efforts among law enforcement agents seem necessary despite the Attorney General's 1976 domestic security guidelines which severely limited the FBI's counter-terrorism and counter-subversion functions.

As a result of that ruling and others made with the best of intentions to ensure individual privacy and Constitutional rights, we have "witnessed a massive destruction of intelligence files dealing with extremist organizations. . . ." said former Senator James Eastland of Mississippi. "The State of Texas Public Safety Division destroyed its files four years ago; the New York State Police files have been locked up for more than three years; Washington, DC, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and

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Police and firemen converge on the Revolutionary War-era Fraunces Tavern following a bomb explosion on Jan. 24, 1975. Three persons were killed and about 40 others injured as a result of this terrorist attack.



History's Most Incriminating Evidence

The Third Reich lives in recordings, documents and photographs at the National Archives

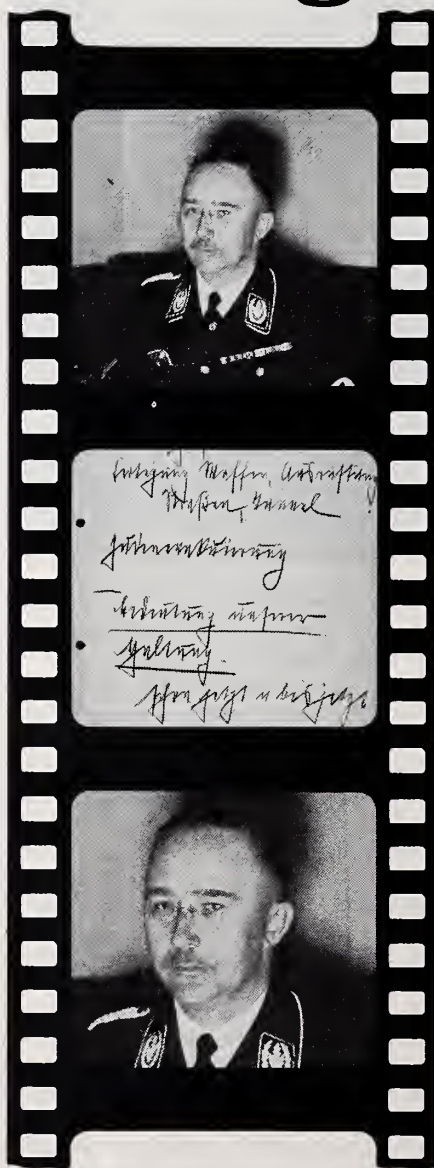
By Sterling G. Slappey

Heinrich Himmler's Bavarian accent is still clear and precise on recordings made Oct. 4 and 6, 1943 in Poznan, Poland. He was speaking before Nazi gauleiters, security force officers and other Schutzstaffel—SS operatives.

Original notes from which Himmler spoke are rumpled and so is the completed manuscript that a secretary typed for him. Yet they survive to prove Himmler knew exactly what he was doing and saying. He was proud of the acts he described in that speech and of the way his people—the SS men and other killers performed. They were doing what he, Adolf Hitler and the hierarchy of Nazidom held necessary.

Himmler was referring to the murder of six million Jews. He spoke of getting rid "of secret saboteurs"—the Jews—and he referred to this "glorious chapter in our history."

He delivered the long speech twice before different groups, each time



The handwritten notes of Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Gestapo, refer to the Third Reich's goal of ridding itself "of secret saboteurs"—the Jews.

putting great emphasis on the portions dealing with the killings.

The recording, notes and transcript are among the most incriminating documents in the history of jurisprudence. They indicate that thousands of high-ranking Nazi Party members, German Government officials, the highs and lows of military leadership and German jurists knew what was going on at Auschwitz, Belzen, Dachau and Buchenwald.

Himmler told them in plain terms and left records of the telling. The records were sifted from the ashes of shattered Germany in springtime of 1945 and used in November 1946 during the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials. They now lie in the National Archives on Washington's Pennsylvania Avenue where they can be seen or heard in all of their chilling infamy.

Down the shelf from the Himmler material are recordings of Hitler's speech on October 16, 1935, proclaiming that "Jews are not Germans." It was in this speech that he used the phrase "final solution." This, the world eventually learned, meant "the killing of every Jew as a solution to cleansing the Reich." The transcript was typed in extra large letters so Hitler would not have to wear glasses to deliver it. (He never appeared in public wearing glasses.)

Americans in their middle 40s and older remember the stories and pictures of shattered Germany. Americans who fought in the European theater remember the great piles of ashes, once proud cities that

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stretched from the North Sea to Poland. But Americans and their allies fighting their way across Western Europe in 1944 and 1945 knew that close behind them came the collectors.

These were the men who spoke German as well as they spoke English and who were gathering every piece of evidence they could find—every picture, recording, document and Nazi artifact—and shipping them to the United States and Britain. In 1945 alone, 1,600 tons of records were shipped to Washington.

Coming from the other direction were Russian collectors doing the same thing. Documents were found in barns, castles and salt mines; buried in gardens and bombed out buildings; beneath cement floors; and in private homes and government offices. Collectors took what they wanted from whomever they wished because Germany was forced to unconditionally surrender.

Today, in the National Archives there are about 40 million microfilm pictures of documents on about 40,000 rolls, miles of movie footage, thousands of recordings, tens of thousands of original documents and so many still photographs and negatives that they have never been counted.

In the years since VE Day, this tremendous collection has been indexed and triplicated on film with copies disbursed inside the United States for safety. Now that West Germany has become a firm friend,

many original documents have been copied and returned to Germany.

The American collection is largely in the National Archives under the care of the Modern Military Branch. Chief of the branch is Robert Wolfe, a German history scholar who—with teams of experts—has been indexing, researching, microfilming, assessing and studying the records for over 20 years. He has led seminars, directed panels and lectured often.

Little material in the National Archives is still marked secret. Professors, writers and interested citizens can use most material freely. Or, they can purchase microfilm rolls of approximately 1,000 exposures for \$12 per roll.

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The National Archives has done such a superlative job that, with a short description of what's needed, a searcher can turn up almost any record. Among the best customers are Germans themselves because the American collection is better indexed than the material returned to Germany. It is often quicker, easier and cheaper for a German to go to Washington and find what he wants than

it is to look in Nazi records in Berlin, Karlsruhe, Freiburg and Koblenz.

Among the World War II records held by the National Archives are files from the Italian Foreign Ministry, Benito Mussolini's papers, correspondence between Hitler and Mussolini, and Italian military records. These records have never attracted the attention that the Nazi records have.

Perhaps the most interesting document to American veterans is a battle report written early in 1943.

American infantry and tank troops had just completed their first major action in North Africa and they had not done well. German panzer units had smashed through the Americans, with one German unit penetrating 18 miles behind American lines. Faïd Pass in Central Tunisia had been given up by the green American units. American counterattacks had been thrown—not pushed—back. The Germans then poured on top of the Americans and quickly captured the key to the entire area, Kasserine Pass.

Veteran British desert fighters were called up. U.S. artillery and U.S. and British air units joined in. The Germans were finally stopped, but not before the cry went up: "Americans can't fight. They are soft. They won't stand and take battle. They cave in and run."

Americans were saying this about fellow Americans. Our British allies
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Hitler's Chancellery is the building with the balcony shown barricaded, lower center. From ruins such as these, the collectors gathered much of the material now in the Archives.



Eva Braun accompanys the Fuehrer. Braun is credited with having taken more than 1,000 informal photographs of Hitler, most of which are now in the National Archives.

By Raymond Schuessler

When Charles E. Duryea's automobile had its first successful run in 1893, one person watching was a local banker. "It is amazing," he declared, "but what good is it? It costs more than most people in this town earn in two years. And how many millionaires are there to buy Mr. Duryea's contraption?"

By the banker's standards, there are more than 100 million "millionaires" in the United States today, thanks to a system we call "installment buying."

"Credit has done a thousand times more to enrich mankind than all the gold mines in the world," Daniel Webster said. "It has exalted labor, stimulated manufacture and pushed commerce over every sea."

True enough. The credit system is the combined effort of society to adjust itself to the capitalist system and the demands of people for the enjoyment of goods thus produced. With an ever-increasing showcase of ingenious products set before the public, means had to be developed to bring these advantages to greater segments of society.

Uninfluenced by the moralist's judgment as to which wants and desires ought to be gratified, people made use of the mechanism of debt. Against all prejudice, they stayed within bounds and proved that it would not encourage spendthrift habits.

The installment-buying system is so vast today because it is based on morality—successful past performance which reveals that consumers can be relied upon to carry out the promises they make. Even during the depression years of the early 1930s, when financial institutions nationwide were folding, not a single credit company was forced out of business despite having much capital tied up in the debts of the little people.

Installment buying in the United States began in 1807 when Cowperwait and Sons of New York sold furniture "on time." Fifty years later, the Singer Sewing Machine Company adopted the idea.

Not until 1910 did the practical development of the principle of mass production make feasible the progressive reduction in sales prices needed to widen the retail market. That was when automobile dealers offered their cars on the time-payment plan.

Because many more families could buy cars, production increased. This,

WEALTH on the TIME PLAN

Though often cursed and blamed for a host of evils, America's installment-buying system is one key to her wealth



College students directly contribute to the nation's wealth not only by using their education, but also by buying their knowledge on the "time plan."

in turn, lowered unit prices and made even more families capable of buying an auto. In 1910, the average auto cost the average wage earner three full year's income; today it costs about half a year's income—mostly as a result of the economic boon given the economy by credit.

Broadening the market for automobiles had a tremendous effect on the American economy. It was an opening wedge. It rebuilt cities and created suburbs. It changed the pattern of recreation, expedited much

of the research that brought progress in other areas of endeavor and helped bring new services and conveniences to nearly every family. As auto factories raised the living standards of their workers, the living standards of workers everywhere increased as if part of a chain reaction.

Tuition and fees at many colleges were paid on the installment plan, making it possible for ambitious people who were long on brains but short on money to finance their education. Increased knowledge and training led to increased earnings—a decided factor in increasing the consuming power of a nation.

This method of sharing the country's bounty has contributed to the preservation of democracy in the United States. The ability of the masses to enjoy many of the niceties of life narrowed the gap between economic segments. Other nations, not willing to use such a method, applied petrified philosophies to the problem of boosting distribution only to run headlong into diminished efficiency, lower production and a collapse of individual incentive.

Some critics maintain that if individuals could not purchase on the installment plan, they might accumulate the money to buy outright. Not necessarily so, said the National Bureau of Economics, largest non-governmental economic research body in the United States. "It appears most probable," they said, "that the majority of consumers would not make intended purchases for cash, but would spend on daily consumption items the amounts otherwise needed for installment payments."

As the Anglo-American Council on Productivity stated after a visit here: "It does not seem possible to overestimate the effect of hire-purchase in the United States where the system is so universally accepted as a means of obtaining immediate use of a comparatively expensive article.

"It has led to a desire by all to achieve maximum production and earn the highest wages possible because of their obligations. Their desire to achieve a financial standing that will allow ownership of a car, a television set, a washing machine or the provisions of better living conditions and educational facilities is heightened by the privilege of installment buying."

And there you have it. Americans do not have numerous possessions and conveniences because the nation is wealthy; the nation is wealthy because Americans make, buy and use its commodities. ■

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Blueberry Hill (Louis Armstrong)
Boogie Woogie (Tommy Dorsey Orch.)
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Sing, Sing, Sing (Benny Goodman Orch.)
To Each His Own (The Inkspots)
Study in Brown (Les Brown Orch.)
Moonlight Serenade (Glenn Miller Orch.)
I Surrender Dear (Mel Torme)
Yankee Doodle Boy (Norman Brooks with the At Goodman Orchestra)
You Made Me Love You (Judy Garland)
When Saints Go Marching (New Orleans Jazz Band)
Green Eyes (Tommy Dorsey Orch.)
Dancing in the Dark (Artie Shaw Orch.)
In the Mood (Glenn Miller Orch.)

SOUNDSTAGE VI SONGS (ARTIST)

You Do Something to Me (Frank Sinatra)
Kalamazoo (Glenn Miller Orch.)
All of You (Johnny Desmond)
Me and My Shadow (Shep Fields Orch.)
Caledonia (Woody Herman)
All or Nothing at All (Billie Daniels)
Oh, Look at Me Now (Dick Haymes)
At Last (Glenn Miller Orch.)
Coffee Time (Les Brown Orch.)
But Not Like You (Benny Goodman Orch.)
Sunday Kind of Love (Anita Ray)
April in Portugal (Ted Heath Orch.)
I've Got the Sun in the Morning (Bing Crosby)
This Love of Mine (Tommy Dorsey Orch.)
Linger Awhile (Shep Fields Orch.)
The Man With a Horn (Harry James Orch.)

SOUNDSTAGE III SONGS (ARTIST)

You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To (Kate Smith)
Got a Pebble in My Shoe (Ella Fitzgerald)
Don't Get Around Much (Duke Ellington)
I've Got a Crush on You (Frank Sinatra)
This Can't Be Love (Johnny Desmond)
Somewhere Over the Rainbow (Judy Garland)
Don't Fence Me In (Shep Fields Orch.)
Moonlight Cocktail (Glen Miller Orch.)
So Rare (Jimmy Dorsey Orch.)
Bugle Call Rag (Benny Goodman Orch.)
If I Didn't Care (Ink Spots)
Twilight Time (Les Brown Orch.)
Heartaches (Ted Weems)
Taking a Chance on Love (Tommy Dorsey)
Red, Red Robin (Sportsmen)
I'm Getting Sentimental (Tommy Dorsey)

SOUNDSTAGE VII SONGS (ARTIST)

It Isn't So (Ted Weems)
Rock-a-Bye Your Baby (Judy Garland)
Chatanoga Choo Choo (Glenn Miller Orch.)
Maria Lena (Tommy Dorsey Orch.)
April in Paris (Count Basie Orch.)
The Poor People of Paris (Lawrence Welk)
Don't Worry 'Bout Me (Mel Torme)
Poor Butterfly (Benny Goodman Orch.)
Marie (Tommy Dorsey Orch.)
Isle of Capri (Shep Fields Orch.)
Sentimental Journey (Les Brown Orch.)
American Patrol (Glenn Miller Orch.)
Peanut Vendor (Stan Kenton Orch.)
Just You, Just Me (Frank Sinatra)
My Heart Stood Still (Dick Haymes)
Frenesi (Al Goodman Orch.)

SOUNDSTAGE IV SONGS (ARTIST)

Ghost of a Chance (Mel Torme)
When I Take My Sugar (Shep Fields Orch.)
Side by Side (Kate Smith)
Harbor Lights (Shep Fields Orch.)
Woodchoppers Ball (Woody Herman Band)
Swanee River (Tommy Dorsey Orch.)
Best Things in Life Are Free (Frank Sinatra)
Elmer's Tune (Lawrence Welk Orch.)
Cuddle Up A Little Closer (Ink Spots)
Muskrat Ramble (New Orleans Jazz Band)
Little Brown Jug (Glenn Miller Orch.)
That Old Devil Moon (Johnny Desmond)
Somebody's Taking My Place (Ted Weems)
Sophisticated Lady (Duke Ellington Orch.)
Wish You Were Here (Judy Garland)
Don't Squeeze Me (Lena Horne)

SOUNDSTAGE VIII SONGS (ARTIST)

Serenade in Blue (Glenn Miller Orch.)
When My Sugar Walks (The Sportsmen)
So Far (Dick Haymes)
Prelude to a Kiss (Duke Ellington Orch.)
Stompin' at the Savoy (Benny Goodman Orch.)
There are Such Things (Tommy Dorsey Orch.)
Got the World on a String (Bill Daniels)
A Fine Romance (Shep Fields Orch.)
Sweet Georgia Brown (New Orleans Jazz Band)
Cherokee (Charlie Barnett Orch.)
Full Moon Empty Arms (Lawrence Welk Orch.)
I Know Why (Glenn Miller Orch.)
It Ain't Necessarily So (Pres Prado Orch.)
Temptation (Artie Shaw Orch.)
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Special 15% Benefit Bonus for 1980 ... at No Extra Charge!

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IN LEGIONNAIRE LIFE INSURANCE

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Through age 29	\$92,000.00	\$80,500.00	\$69,000.00	\$57,500.00	\$46,000.00	\$34,500.00	\$23,000.00	\$11,500.00
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35-44	41,400.00	36,225.00	31,050.00	25,875.00	20,700.00	15,525.00	10,350.00	5,175.00
45-54	20,240.00	17,710.00	15,180.00	12,650.00	10,120.00	7,590.00	5,060.00	2,530.00
55-59	11,040.00	9,660.00	8,280.00	6,900.00	5,520.00	4,140.00	2,760.00	1,380.00
60-64	7,360.00	6,440.00	5,520.00	4,600.00	3,680.00	2,760.00	1,840.00	920.00
65-69	4,600.00	4,025.00	3,450.00	2,875.00	2,300.00	1,725.00	1,150.00	575.00
70-74*	3,036.00	2,656.50	2,277.00	1,897.50	1,518.00	1,138.50	759.00	379.50
75*-Over	2,300.00	2,012.50	1,725.00	1,437.50	1,150.00	862.50	575.00	287.50
Prorated Premium†	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20

*No persons age 70 or over (including those desiring additional coverage) will be accepted for new insurance.

†PRORATED PREMIUM TO SEND WITH YOUR APPLICATION. The premiums shown above are for the balance of 1980, for approved applications effective March 1, 1980. Premiums for applications approved for April 1 or later are proportionately less, by \$2 PER UNIT PER MONTH, and any overpayments will be refunded. Premiums accompanying non-approved applications will be refunded in full.

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A photographic copy of this authorization shall be as valid as the original.

Dated _____, 19____ Signature of Applicant _____

☐ I apply for additional Legion Life Insurance. My present certificate number is _____

Dateline Washington

Our Shrinking Merchant Marine

The American Merchant Marine has been steadily shrinking since World War II. In fact, less than five percent of U.S. trade and commerce is carried on U.S.-flag cargo vessels, according to Edwin Hood, president of the Shipbuilders Council of America.

He recently informed a Congressional Subcommittee that although the United States is the world's foremost trading nation, our active, privately-owned merchant marine carrying the American flag today numbers some 540 vessels, ranking tenth among the cargo fleets of the globe. All U.S. commercial shipping resources amount to only about one percent of aggregate world shipping, he said.

Mr. Hood urged Congress to beef up American shipbuilding and shipping operations, warning that 69 of 71 critical and strategic materials, without which the U.S. industrial structure and defense establishment could not function, must be imported by ship. He asserted that the U.S. dependency on more than 20 of these imports ranges from 50 to 100 percent.

Shoplifting Costs \$8 Billion a Year

Shoplifting, increasing at an annual rate of 15 to 20 percent a year, is one of this country's fastest growing crimes resulting in losses of \$8 billion a year. These losses are passed on to the consumer, who pays five to seven percent more for retail goods, according to Sen. Charles McC. Mathias of Maryland.

Over half the people arrested for shoplifting are between 13 and 19. In a survey of high school students, 70 percent admitted to having shoplifted and over 50 percent said they did not believe it was a serious crime. A majority of the students queried said they didn't really need the stolen article, but shoplifted as a dare or to satisfy their friends, even though they could have paid for the item.

As store merchants intensify efforts to apprehend shoplifters, public officials are calling for programs to educate our young to the serious after-effects of shoplifting. Convicted shoplifters face a criminal record which could haunt them for the rest of their lives.

Success Marks Immunization Drive

The United States' drive to eliminate childhood diseases through a nationwide immunization program has made remarkable progress, with more than 90 percent of the children in school (kindergarten to eighth grade) being protected against measles, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. Approximately 84 percent of these pupils have been immunized against rubella according to the National Center for Disease Control in Atlanta.

The two-year campaign, backed by a \$58 million federal outlay, was initiated in the spring of 1977, when immunization levels for the six diseases ranged from 66 to 75 percent.

Another consequence of the drive is that today all 50 states have school immunization statutes to insure that youngsters are protected against childhood diseases. Encouraged by the effectiveness of the program, federal health officials say they hope to eliminate measles in the United States by 1982.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

U.S. Won't Yield To Blackmail—"We will continue to defend the security, honor and freedom of Americans everywhere. We will not yield to blackmail." President Jimmy Carter.

Antagonizing Friends—"True partnership, true friendship and a true alliance need and can take plain speaking and, where necessary, harsh criticism. But they also presuppose a willingness to back one's partner in troubled times with every resoluteness and clarity. By the same token, we, too, expect America to go easy on her seemingly unlimited capacity for antagonizing friends and upgrading adversaries." Franz Joseph Strauss, German political leader.

U.S.S.R. Could Blow Up?—"The Soviet empire is coming under tremendous strain. It could blow up. The world could blow up with it." Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, NY.

Oil A Weapon?—"We have an effective weapon in the international arena, which is our huge economic resources, the foremost of these being our oil wealth." President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Crime No. 1 Investor—"Organized crime is becoming the No. 1 investor in American business. Once it infiltrates deeply into the legitimate business community, it is no longer controllable." Sen. Dennis DeConcini, AZ.

Red China View Of Red Russia—"The threat posed by the hegemonists is a global one. Peace cannot be got by begging. War cannot be averted by yielding." Chinese Premier Hua Kuo-fen.

Explosion Of Messages—"The next quarter century in mass communication is going to be marked by a radical upheaval. There will be many more messages competing for attention. In the 80s, the message is going to overcome the importance of the medium." Newton Minow, chairman, Public Broadcasting Commission.

Americans Never Healthier—"From all indications, the American people have never been healthier.... Without doubt, the major reasons are related to overall improvements in living conditions: better nutrition, better sanitation, less-crowded housing, more employment opportunities and greater access to education." Surgeon General Dr. Julius B. Richmond.

Heroism Not Enough—"Too many have come to expect deficiencies in ships and planes to be offset by heroism, remarkable leadership and tactical brilliance. Let me tell you there is an elastic limit to those intangible ingredients." Admiral Isaac C. Kidd, Jr., USN, Ret.

Standard For Safety—"... the only appropriate goal in standard setting is to reduce to a bare minimum the risk of serious injury in the product, particularly when it is used as intended and even when it is misused in readily predictable ways. And the goal should be safety throughout the useful life of the product." Sam Zagoria, vice chairman, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

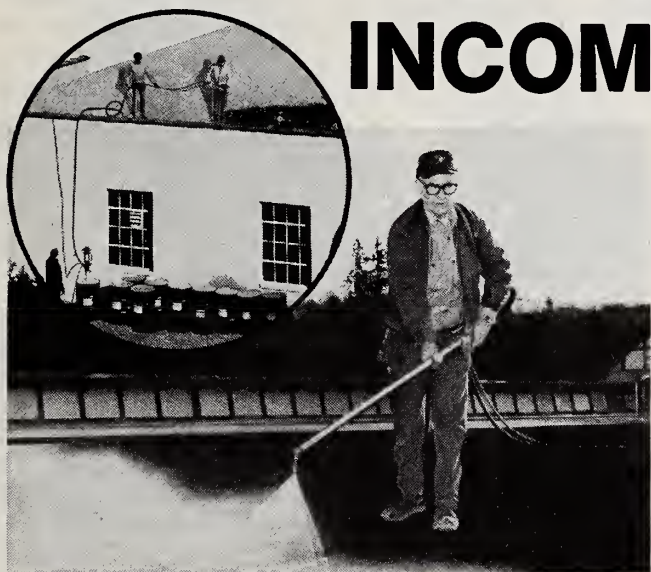
Youth Vandalism Spreads—"It appears that no matter where you live today you are not going to escape the same problems that we have always attributed to city youth in the past." Univ. of Akron sociologist Kathleen Natalino.

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Commander's Message

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are digging deeper than ever into their income and savings to pay for rising energy costs in their homes and schools, and for leisure activities. Veterans—and all Americans—are not only paying larger portions of their wages for energy, but billions of dollars being sent overseas deplete our economy and culminate in thousands of lost jobs, services and products for everyone here. As bad as the situation is now, if something is not done very soon, this "war" will continue to erode the topsoil of our economy and national security—both of which are directly dependent on the availability of adequate supplies of energy.

I believe that Americans will support any initiatives necessary to keep our economy vibrant, to maintain our standard of living and to disconnect the OPEC pipeline from our shores. But, they must know what actions to support—there is too much talk about the problem and not enough action designed to bring about a solution.

Ask your Department energy chairman for a copy of our 20 energy Resolutions and the Legion's national energy policy and then study it. Additionally, have your Post officers obtain audio-visual materials and speakers with the help of either your Department energy chairman or the Internal Affairs Division at National Headquarters so you can sponsor an energy forum within your community. Work with local civic groups to promote our energy policy.

Publicize the Legion's energy programs by "talking them up" at work, at school meetings and at civic action forums. Write to your Congressmen, to the President and to your local newspapers. Let all of them know that you are actively concerned. Carry the banner of energy independence wherever you go.

Everyone has a voice and a stake in our making a major national commitment to develop a sound energy policy which will protect our economy and insure our national security. Only through the reaffirmation of national pride in self-reliance and a truly united effort to enact workable programs can we surmount this overwhelming crisis. That done, America can once again channel her technological strengths and human resources into other areas for the betterment of all mankind. ■

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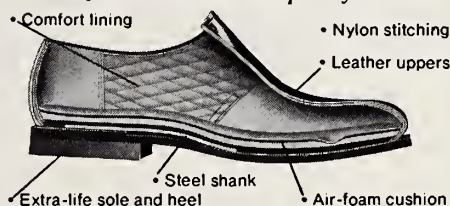
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VIETNAM VETERANS ACT INTRODUCED IN SENATE

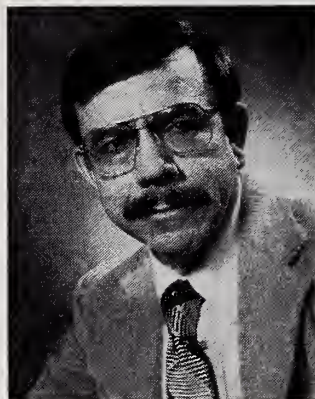
... Senator John Heinz (R-PA), with Senators Pat Moynihan (D-NY) and Larry Pressler (R-SD) have introduced S. 1872, the Vietnam Veterans Act. Among the provisions of the legislation are: **EMPLOYMENT**--Helps un/underemployed vets by allowing use of GI Bill education benefits for private sector career advancement and training programs; Focuses effort to provide vet employment through creation of Asst. Sec. for Veterans Employment in Dept. of Labor... **HEALTH**--Compensates vets and their children for agent orange-related problems and gives Vietnam theater vets choice of readjustment counseling at community mental health centers or through private providers... **EDUCATION**--Extends GI education benefits time limits (10 years for theater vets, 3 years for Viet era vets) and allows vets to pay off VA education loans with unused GI bill education benefits... **HOUSING**--Allows the VA to pay start-up costs for states to establish home loan programs for Viet vets at below the current market rate... **COMMISSION**... Establishes a commission to make a comprehensive evaluation of the effectiveness of existing veterans' assistance programs.

A VA REMINDER--MAKE SURE FAMILY KNOWS WHERE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS ARE KEPT AND WHAT THEY MEAN... Safeguarding discharge papers, marriage certificates or child custody evidence from fire, theft or loss could be one of the most important legacies a veteran can leave his survivors, the VA said. Among documents that should be protected and filed with family papers are government and commercial life insurance policies, any VA correspondence with identifying claim numbers, social security numbers, wills and, where applicable, naturalization papers. Families should also be aware of possible survivor benefits. These include VA pensions, dependency and indemnity compensation for service connected death, burial benefits and interment in a national cemetery. The VA reminds all vets that a few minutes spent organizing documents and informing the family can do much to avoid anguish during times of emotional stress.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS UNDER VETERANS' REEMPLOYMENT LAW... The federal veterans' reemployment rights law--an employee protection law administered by the Dept. of Labor--is designed to ensure men and women who serve in their country's military forces do not lose their jobs or

other employment benefits because of such service. The law basically entitles vets to reinstatement by their pre-service employers with the seniority, status and rate of pay they would have attained with reasonable certainty if they had not gone into the military. It also protects reservists and National Guard members from being discharged or denied any unusual advantages of their employment because of their Guard or reserve activities. Further information may be obtained from any of the Dept. of Labor's Labor-Management Service Administration (LMSA) field officers or from the Office of Veterans' Reemployment Rights, LMSA, U.S. Dept. of Labor, Washington, DC 20216.

GONZALEZ NAMED DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF VETERANS' REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS (OVRR)...



George O. Gonzalez

Career Labor Department employee George O. Gonzalez will head the Labor Department's program to assure veterans and members of National Guard and military reserve units attain reemployment and certain other job rights to which they are entitled under the law. Since OVRR directly affects the employment of veterans,

including the increasingly important enforcement of pension and retirement rights of veterans, the Legion has called for the program to be administered by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment instead of the present Labor-Management Services Administration overseer.

DISABLED VETERANS COMPENSATION INCREASE SIGNED INTO LAW...

The President has approved legislation granting a 9.9 percent cost-of-living increase for Fiscal Year 1980 in monthly compensation checks to 2.3 million service-connected disabled veterans and over 300,000 widows and children of those who have died of service-connected causes. Action on the new increase rate, which was due to go into effect Oct. 1, had been delayed for weeks in Congress while the House and Senate scrutinized total Federal spending recommendations for the FY 1980 budget. In response, the Veterans Administration issued special, separate checks in late December for the increased amount of money due retroactively to Oct. 1.

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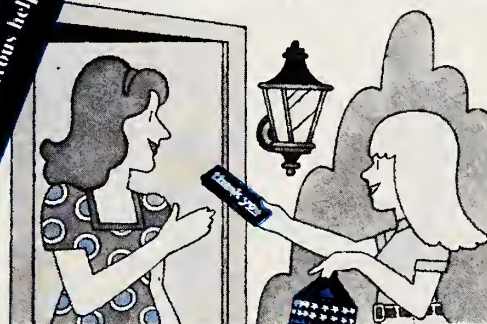
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NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

Legion Helps All of America's Youth

Too Little Done For Too Few Kids

In 1925, Legionnaires began providing assistance to individual youngsters on a case-by-case basis through the organization's Children & Youth programs. Many grew to feel the programs were too narrow; a case of doing too little for too few deserving children.

As a result, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was founded in 1954 to "add to man's knowledge of children and youth through the support of research in a number of fields and to make existing knowledge more effective through wider distribution."

To accomplish these goals, the foundation each year provides one-year grants to non-profit, tax-exempt institutions and organizations pursuing programs, "that must have the potential of helping children nationally," according to foundation executive secretary Paul R. Frinthal.

The deadline for applications from institutions to the foundation this year is March 31, 1980.

Among the grants awarded last year, for example, was one to Cen-

tral Missouri State University to develop a program examining student drinking and driving. The results of that \$13,500 grant will be disse-

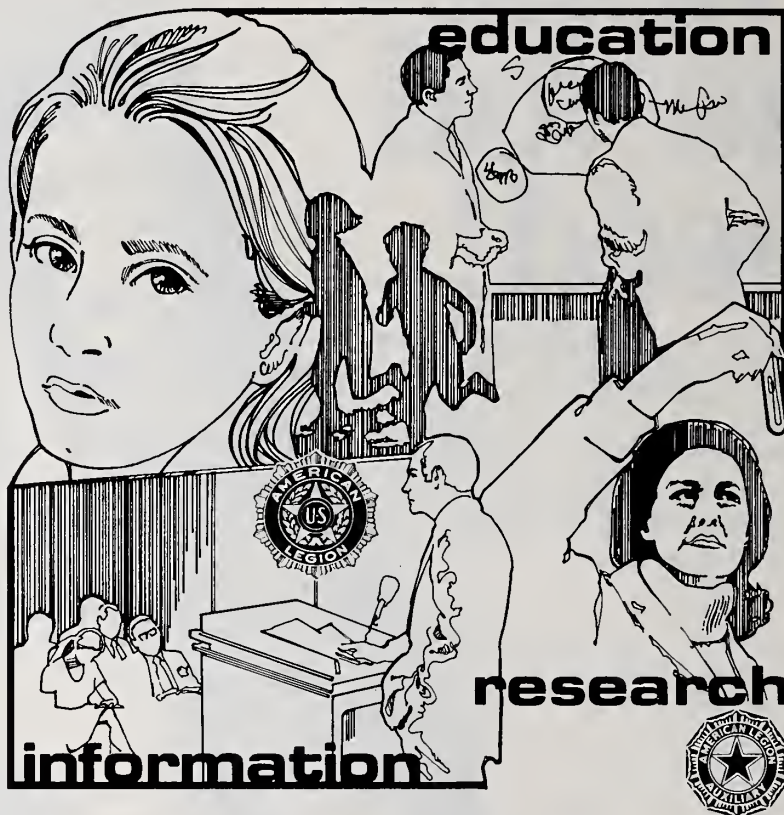
minated nationally to appropriate agencies and institutions.

Individual Legionnaires each year support the foundation through their contributions, including the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary who have been the major sponsors of the foundation since it began.

But there are other important ways individual Legionnaires can help the foundation. Does your community serve as home for organizations or institutions that might appropriately benefit from a foundation grant? Do they know of the Legion's program and what must be done to apply?

If you know of such an organization that is focusing on preventive rather than reactive programs on child welfare, for example, why not check with them?

Complete grant application information and forms are available from Paul R. Frinthal, foundation executive secretary, at American Legion National Headquarters, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.



Members of Black River, NY's William C. Dexter Post 673 show off the trophies they picked up on the way to winning the New York State Legion Bowling Championship. They racked up a hi-team triple score of 3,210 and a hi-team single score of 1,162 in the process. Shown from left are Dennis Ambrose, Andrew Yuhas (who rolled the first-ever 300 game in the history of the event), Robert Osier, Fred LaPierre and Eugene Owens.



Representing the Department of Georgia and Hapeville Post and Auxiliary 147 as "Little Miss Poppy" this year is six-year-old Tahni Hines, daughter of Legionnaire Frank Hines and Auxiliary member Judy Hines.

Legion Charter Amendment Passed, Expands Viet Vet Eligibility Dates

President Carter has signed into law a bill amending the American Legion's charter by changing the recognized onset of the Vietnam era from August 5, 1964 to December 22, 1961.

The change, introduced before Congress as a result of a resolution approved by the Legion's convention in Houston last year, will permit the Legion to more fully recognize the sacrifices made by those who served in Vietnam.

The new eligibility date reflects the date of the first U.S. combat-related death in Vietnam, that of Spec. 4 James Thomas Davis of Tennessee. The previous eligibility date marks the Gulf of Tonkin resolution.

In approving the legislation Congress noted the Vietnam era was not a clearly definable period of hostilities and that the U.S. was incurring casualties prior to the Gulf of Tonkin resolution. In 1962, the Military Advisory Command Vietnam (MACV) was established with 4,000 U.S. military personnel stationed there. By the end of that year, the number had increased to 10,000.

In a letter to National Cdr. Frank I. Hamilton, President Carter said he signed the law because, "Your organization's national leadership is well known and respected by a grateful nation. I therefore congratulate you on the potential strengthening of the American Legion provided in this law."

SHORT TAKES

Joseph Oravec of Jessup, PA Post 411 has won the Pennsylvania American Legion Press Association 1979 Quill Award for his editorial calling for voluntary prayer in public schools... The 58 posts of Nassau County, NY will spearhead that county's efforts in the annual "Arthritis Fund Drive"... Sen. Howard Baker (R-TN) joined Philadelphia's Post 405 in observing Veterans Day by placing a wreath on the Union League of Philadelphia Veterans Statue.

Pennsylvania Dept. Headquarters at Wormleysburg, PA was the dedication site for a "Doughboy" statue honoring the founders of the Legion... Post 123 in Mababacat, Rep. of Philippines, worked with area Boy Scouts to collect, rehabilitate and distribute toys to needy children at Christmas.

Members of Traverse City, MI Post 35 convinced 15 area merchants a full-page newspaper ad honoring the 30 million living veterans was a pretty good idea... The Legion's Veteran of the Year in the State of Alabama Award was presented to Past Dept. Cdr. Blue Barber by Alabama Governor Fob James.



Under the Perisphere of the World's Fair, New York Legionnaires commemorated the 61st Veteran's Day with a presentation of the first Vietnam Veterans Stamp to Jim Peters, executive director of the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association (EPVA). Seated next to Jim is Angelo Nicosia, president of EPVA. Standing during the presentation are (from left to right) John Morahan, program chairman; Sal Ascione, New York County Legion Cdr.; Joseph Anderson, New York State Division of Veterans Affairs and Past Cdr. Paul Wendel, composer of the Legion's song "America My Homeland."

NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

Veterans Canteen Service Fights Inflation, Serves Patients

With the cost of just about everything on the rise, VA medical center patients, outpatients and members can find relief in these inflationary times by patronizing their VA canteens.

The Veterans Canteen Service (VCS) offers bargains ranging from a 15¢ cup of coffee for all comers to substantial savings on clothing and watches for its patient-customers.

These reasonable prices are possible because the VCS Central Office in Washington, negotiates directly with manufacturers and other prime sources for merchandise for all 170 canteens across the country. Because of this large purchasing power, the VCS receives even greater savings on merchandise for special promotions.

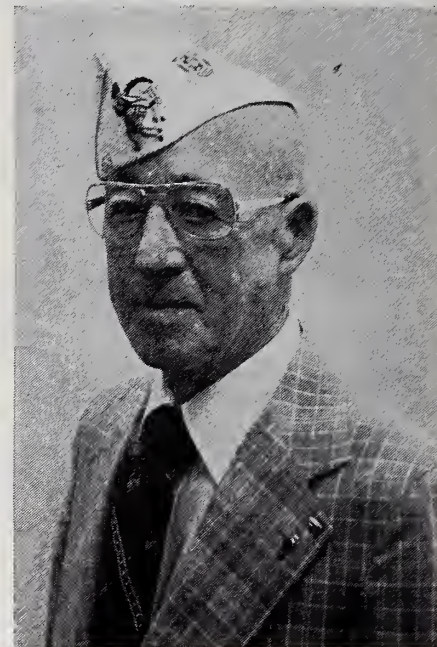
A popular service provided for patients is the VCS coupon book. Sold in 50¢, \$1, \$5 and \$10 books, these coupons are used to purchase canteen merchandise as a traveler's

check or gift certificate would be used. The books make welcome gifts for patients and may also be used for ward cart purchases by patients unable to visit the canteens.

There are good meals in VCS dining rooms to go with that 15¢ cup of coffee and their prices are reasonable too. Daily luncheon specials are featured, as are holiday meals, and morning and afternoon snacks.

The VCS is a self-sustaining operation and receives no subsidy from the government. It reimburses the VA for rent, utilities, printing, maintenance and other costs, operating at no cost to the taxpayer. Its status allows the larger, more profitable canteens to offset the inevitable losses at smaller outlets. It all adds up to pleasant, inflation-beating shopping for VCS customers.

Oluf T. Jensen Is Month's Legionnaire



Oluf T. Jensen

February's Legionnaire is a 60-year member who started out at Post 1 in Coblenz, Germany and is today simply "Uncle" Oluf to his fellow Legionnaires in East St. Louis, IL and throughout the Dept. of Illinois.

Oluf T. Jensen has been instrumental in organizing new Legion Posts and has served as Cdr. at various levels since he entered The American Legion back in 1920. He has also worked on committees ranging from the National Security Commission to those at his present Post 53 in East St. Louis.

At 84, Uncle Oluf continues to set a pace in Legion activities that belies his age. He is presently county historian and publicity chairman, 22nd District publicity chairman and is entering his third term as 5th Division chaplain.

In addition, he is an active member of various other civic and fraternal organizations.

GI Housing Loans

A veteran can use his GI home loan eligibility an unlimited number of times provided he has no outstanding Veterans Administration guaranteed loan when he applies for a new one.

American Legion Life Insurance Month Ending November 30, 1979

The following is an actual case from the files of The American Legion Life Insurance Plan:

\$18,000 paid—age at death 37. Cause of death accidental gunshot wound. Total pro-rated premium \$40.

Benefits Paid January 1, 1979—

November, 1979\$ 2,851,912

Benefits Paid Since April, 1958 ...\$31,109,501

Basic Units In Force (Number) 211,098

New Applications Approved

Since January 1, 1979 5,165

New Applications Declined 8,113

New Applications Suspended 6,540

(Applicants failed to return health form)

"Effective January 1, 1980 a 15 percent 'across the board' increase in benefits will be extended through December 31, 1980."

The American Legion Life Insurance is an official program of the American Legion, adopted by the National Executive Committee, 1958. It is decreasing term insurance, issued on application to paid-up members of The American Legion subject to approval based on health and employment statement. Effective Jan. 1, 1980, death benefits range from \$80,000 (8 units through age 29, 25 in Ohio) in decreasing steps of \$125 (½ unit at age 75 or over). Previously, maximum was 6 units. This protection is available throughout life, as long as the annual premium is paid, the insured remains a member of The American Legion, and the Plan stays in effect. Available up to eight units at a flat rate of \$24 per unit a year on a calendar year basis, pro-rated during the first year at \$2 a month per unit for insurance approved after January 1. Underwritten by two commercial life insurance companies, the Occidental Life Insurance Co. of California and United States Life Insurance Co. in the City of New York. American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Fund is managed by trustees operating under the laws of Missouri. No other insurance may use the full words "American Legion." Administered by The American Legion Life Insurance Division, P.O. Box 5609, Chicago, Illinois 60680, to which write for further details.



If the folks in Holiday, FL are well read, part of the credit goes to Post 173's Past Cdr. Dorothy M. (Dot) Myers. Dot, who served as a WAC during World War II, has donated more than 800 paperback books she solicited to area Veterans Hospitals, libraries, schools, churches and other civic organizations.

VA's Q&A CORNER

These are questions representative of those the Veterans Administration is frequently asked. For more information contact your local VA office or write directly to: Veterans Administration, Information Service, Washington, D.C. 20420.

Q. I am a World War I veteran with a service connected amputation. Am I eligible for a specially adapted automobile from the Veterans Administration?

A. Yes, if you meet all requirements of the law passed last year providing this benefit for World War I veterans. Check with your nearest VA regional office or seek assistance through local veterans service organizations.

Q. Can a child adopted after age 18 by a veteran who has permanent and total service connected disabilities qualify for dependents educational assistance?

A. Yes. Such an individual is considered the child of the veteran and eligible for benefits until attaining age 26, provided the child is pursuing a course of instruction at an approved educational institution.

Q. May incarcerated veterans receive Veterans Administration pension benefits?

A. No. However, the VA can, upon proof of the veteran's permanent and total disability or his reaching age 65, pay the appropriate pension rate to his wife and/or dependent children.

Q. My husband was killed in Vietnam. I believe I am financially able to purchase a home. Will the VA provide any assistance in this regard?

A. Unmarried widows or widowers of veterans of any period of service occurring since Sept. 16, 1940, whose deaths were service connected, are eligible for a VA guaranteed home loan. Contact your nearest VA regional office for details.

Q. My husband received an honorable discharge after several months of service at the end of World War II. He is now disabled by an illness unrelated to his service. Is he eligible for a Veterans Administration pension?

A. If he served at least 90 days between Dec. 7, 1941, and Dec. 31, 1946, is permanently and totally disabled and has income within the limits set by law, he may be eligible. Check with VA for full details.

Highlight of Caring Post Is 50 Years of Saving Lives



Members of Post 108's Amador County Ambulance Service stand in front of the four ambulances they operate.

Legionnaires of Amador County, CA recently celebrated their 50th year of bringing ambulance service to county residents.

The half-century mark prompts members of Post 108's Ambulance Service to describe themselves as the oldest surviving American Legion ambulance service in the United States.

Back in 1929, when Post 108 began offering its ambulance service,

their single Studebaker "Samaritan" ambulance cost \$3,380 and covered the entire county's needs.

Today, four ambulances, crewed by three Legion husband and wife teams, require about a \$200,000 annual expenditure to provide county-wide emergency service.

The driver/attendant teams are all qualified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) who work a rotating five-day week.



Among the hundreds of Veterans Day observances conducted by Legionnaires around the world was the placing of a wreath at the "Missing Man Monument" near the gate of Randolph Air Force Base, TX. Honoring the missing man from a normal five-plane formation depicted in the monument is Universal City, TX Post 667 Cdr. Michael D. Bruno.

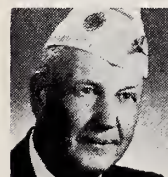
Sing a New Song At Florida Posts

There is a new note on the American Legion scene in south Florida, according to Ralph H. Weir of Hollywood, FL Post 92.

He reports that many Legion posts in the area have a new song on their juke-boxes entitled "Sons of Veterans." The lyrics were written by Ted North, a member of Post 92, former Marine Corps gunner and song writer.

Correction

In the December roster of Dept. Cdrs., one photograph was erroneously



Earnest Viet

The Magazine regrets the error.

identified as that of South Dakota Dept. Cdr. Earnest Viet. As South Dakota Legionnaires were quick to point out, the real Cdr. Viet looks like this.

NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

Special Ceremony Commemorates Past Post Commander's Heroism



Shown at the presentation of the Silver Star Medal for the late Ralph L. Schwartz are (from left) Schwartz's daughter Nina Rabinowitz, his wife Mrs. Rose Schwartz, son Jeff Schwartz, Rep. Ed Patten and Schwartz's mother, Mrs. Anna Schwartz.

The Past Cdr. of Post 471 in Ise-lin, NJ has been presented the Silver Star medal posthumously for extreme courage beyond the call of duty.

The widow of Ralph L. Schwartz was presented the award by Rep. Edward J. Patten (D-NJ)—who was instrumental in getting the award for the soldier—during special ceremonies at Post 471's home.

The award came nearly 35 years after Schwartz earned it and almost one year following his death.

Schwartz was recommended for the Silver Star on Jan. 26, 1945, while serving with the 346th Infantry Regiment as a medical corpsman.

The commanding general of the 87th Infantry Division refused the recommendation.

The case was reopened when Post 471 Cdr. Arthur Graham discovered the Silver Star recommendation and denial papers in those given the Post by Mrs. Schwartz following her husband's death.

Graham forwarded the papers to Rep. Patten who asked the Secretary of the Army to look at the documentation for compassionate consideration.

In response, the Army's Judge Advocate last year concluded the recommendation was appropriate.

In addition to the Silver Star, the

Schwartz family was presented an American flag flown over the Capitol on July 4, 1976, the 200th anniversary of our country, by Rep. Patten.



Port Vue, PA Post 447 recently presented their first Crime Prevention Award to 15-year-old James C. Pelar. The young Pelar, shown here receiving the award from Post 447's special awards officer James T. Reilly and Port Vue Police Chief Howard Judy, was cited for witnessing an attempted burglary at his residence and promptly notifying the police. The Crime Prevention Award is being given to those whose outstanding contributions help lower the crime rate in the borough of Port Vue.

History/Scrapbook Winners Announced

Winners in the 1979 National One-Year Department History and Scrapbook Contests were recently announced by Phillip E. Haddad, National Historian.

Winners in the Narrative History were, First: Dept. of Wisconsin, \$200 and Citation; Second: Dept. of New Hampshire, \$150 and Citation; Third: Dept. of Washington, \$75 and Citation; Fourth: Dept. of New York, \$50 and Citation; Fifth: Dept. of Connecticut, \$25 and Citation.

The Departments of the District of Columbia, Kansas and New Jersey received honorable mentions and Citations in the Narrative History category.

Winners in the Scrapbook were, First: Dept. of Minnesota, \$200 and Citation; Second: Dept. of Wisconsin, \$150 and Citation; Third: Dept. of Montana, \$75 and Citation; Fourth: Dept. of Massachusetts, \$50 and Citation; Fifth: Dept. of New Mexico, \$25 and Citation.

There were no honorable mention awards in the Scrapbook category.



Mathilda "Tillie" Bien of Belleville, IL is known locally as the "Poppy Girl" of American Legion Post 58 Auxiliary. Ever since Poppy Day began nearly 60 years ago, Tillie has manned her corner on East Main Street. Tillie Bien joined the Auxiliary 59 years ago when her husband, the late Edward Bien, joined Belleville's Post 58.

Hire the Best Hire a Vet

Recently, one newspaper in Maine contained 26 notices of appointments in business fields. Not one mentioned if the appointees were veterans. When Maine Department Adjutant Daniel E. Lambert checked with the firms involved, an executive told him: "Frankly, we didn't think it was important." Another said, "Since Vietnam, we have down-played veteran status."

Lambert wonders if business and professional leaders have fallen into a trap of silence concerning pride in service to the nation.

"As a veteran," Lambert said, "I don't care if a business appointee is a country club member or sang in a college choir. I want to know what he or she was doing in time of national crisis: I want to know if we share the common bond of military service."

"I suggest to business and professional leaders that they routinely announce an appointee's veteran status. They cannot afford to turn their collective backs on those who have served the nation."

The Official Name

Bum rap or not, Legionnaires will continue to have the dubious honor of having a disease named after them—Legionnaires' Disease. In fact, the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA had decided to tag the malady with a Latin designation: "Legionella Pneumophila"—that translates into "loving the lungs of soldiers."

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID #_____, The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

67th Recon. Wing, 5th Air Force. James A. Parsons is seeking witnesses to verify that he contracted intestinal infection resulting in rectal hemorrhages in June and July 1951 while stationed at Tsuiki AFB, Japan. Contact CID 594.

LCT 364. William J. McGrath needs witnesses to verify a claim he was wounded when he landed on the beach in the Normandy invasion in June 1944. Contact CID 631.

"A" Co., 65th Inf. Regt., 3rd Division. Kenneth L. Palmer needs witnesses to verify a claim he became dizzy in a mess hall and was taken to an aid station while stationed in Korea in October 1953. Contact CID 632.

1903 Engr. Av. Bn. Veridon Phillips needs witnesses to verify a claim he suffered from nervous exhaustion after being pinned down 2 or 3 times during a raid while stationed in Korea in September 1952. Contact CID 633.

Green Cove Springs, Fl. Ambrose R. Schomer needs witnesses to verify a claim that while unloading steel plates, one of them slid and pinned him to a bulkhead in May 1946. Contact CID 634.

USS Helena CA75. Angelo J. Ladatta needs witnesses to verify a claim that in April 1954 while aboard ship, he was firing at a drone and suffered a concussion and other injuries. Contact CID 636.

Hdqtrs Co. 159th Inf. Bn. James T. Westbrook needs witnesses to verify a claim he injured his knees on snow skis and removal of bullet in left shoulder while stationed at Aleutian Islands (Umnak) in October 1943. Contact CID 637.

675 AAA Battery. John T. Dukes is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that he suffered swollen glands in his right leg, groin, jaw and neck while stationed at New Guinea from Sept. 1943 to May 1944. Contact CID 638.

92nd A.F.A. "B" Btry. Clement T. Foley is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that 155MM guns were fired before he could get behind them while stationed outside Tokyo in April 1955. Contact CID 639.

9th Corps. Lemuel S. Kennedy is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that he injured his left ankle and heel while stationed in Sapporo, Japan in January 1947. Contact CID 640.

4th Inf., 2nd Btry., 12th Regt., Hdqtrs Co. Ellis G. Phillips is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Utah Beach in June 1944, his right leg was injured while firing anti-tank gun at the enemy. Contact CID 641.

151st Medical Bn. Ernest Respole is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Burma, India in March 1945, he was carrying cans of fuel and slipped and fell cutting tendons in his right thumb. Contact CID 642.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unlisted life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors.

Randolf C. Saugstad (1974), **Edward E. Betty Sr., Don Blake** (1977), **Frank R. Hudson** (1978), Post 262, Fontana, CA

Robert C. Schmidt, John L. Baker, Laurie O. Corbin (1979), Post 58, Dunnellon, FL

Louis Aboud (1976), **Winston G. Arnot, Fred Bellich, Raymond Kennedy** (1979), Post 129, Jacksonville Beach, FL

Parker W. Thompson (1979), Post 95, Glennville, GA

Richard B. Clark, Joseph J. Dailey, Charles S. Flynn Jr., Warren T. Rafferty, Chester G. Rappean, Virgil Ritter (1979), Post 197, Pocatonia, IL

James R. Girten (1973), **Richard H. Giannini** (1976), Post 8, Evansville, IN

Frank Ashworth, Claude Etcheson, James L. White, Kieth Green, Dr. L. W. Veach, Chester L. Grimes, Orval L. VanCleave, Morris S. Hunter, Howard Rockhill, Glenn H. Lyon (1979), Post 58, Greencastle, IN

Sam Abramson (1979), Post 14, Shreveport, LA

George S. White, John N. DeCosta (1979), Post 280, Mattapoisett, MA

Carl D. McIntire (1979), Post 309, Clarence, MO

Albert Deppert, Kurt Hartmann, Leo Trubek (1969), **Alfred N. Mayer** (1975), **Ben Groth** (1979), Post 69, Carlstadt, NJ

William F. Collins (1979), Post 347, Larchmont, NY

Francis D'Elia, Gerald Henry (1977), Post 488, Monroe, NY

William T. Finnen, Bernard R. Walsh (1979), Post 797, Long Island City, NY

Alfred D. Marino (1979), Post 1682, New York, NY

Edward T. Tyburski, Michael A. Somma, Charles D. Verrecchio, Martin Satloff (1978), Post 1873, Brooklyn, NY

Walter Pfister, Louis Seplov (1969), **William B. Schreiber** (1974), **John R. Nolan** (1975), **Richard P. Musso** (1976), **James L. Salberta** (1979), Post 317, Yardley, PA

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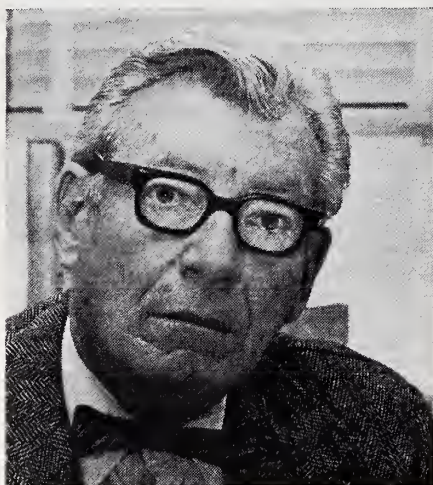
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Legion Magazine Editor Frank H. Kuest Dies



Frank H. Kuest

Frank H. Kuest, editor of *The American Legion Magazine*, died Christmas morning following an extended illness. He was 62.

Mr. Kuest joined the magazine in 1976 as managing editor following his retirement from the U.S. Information Agency. He was promoted to the position of editor of the magazine this past summer.

His 42-year career in journalism included work as a reporter for various West Coast newspapers and with the Associated Press prior to joining the USIA. Mr. Kuest served with the Army during World War II, his last assignment being with the Paris and Pfungstadt, Germany editions of *Stars & Stripes*.

Mr. Kuest is survived by his wife Betty, a son and two daughters.

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A personal postscript: A warm individual who was never too busy to offer a kind word or lend a helping hand to a staffer in need, Frank Kuest was a respected editor and friend. His professionalism and loyalty will be sorely missed by the magazine's staff.

Earliest submission favored when volume of requests is too great to print all.

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53rd Infantry (May-Bakersfield, CA). Guadalupe Mejia, 704 Stearns Ave., LaHabra, CA 90631 (213) 691-7419
59th Evac. Hospital (May). Dr. Rene Bine, 50 Scenic Way, San Francisco, CA 94121 (415) 668-3450
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729th Railway Operating Bn. WWII (Sept.-Tulsa, OK). Albert H. Colello, 4251 4th Ave., Altona, PA 16602 (814) 943-0551
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"A" Co., 136th Infantry (May-Fort Wayne, IN). Lyle (Cub) Powers, 202 S. 7th St., Brighton, MI 48116 (313) 229-2149
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"E" Co., 167th Inf., 31st Div. WWII (May-Guntersville, AL). Jessie C. Walden, 4211 Morrow St., Guntersville, AL 35976 (205) 583-5844
"I" Co., 28th Inf., 8th Div. (May). Roger A. Formica, 3602 Courtney Ln., Bethpage, NY 11714 (516) 681-0594
Class 44N-225-7/62 Nike Missile School, Ft. Bliss, TX (May-Keene, NH). Frederick Breton, P.O. Box 8, Surry, NH 03431 (603) 352-5789

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1st Naval Constr. Bn., "The Pioneers" (April). Charles E. Mischler, 29 Sanford Ave., Emerson, NJ 07630 (201) 262-6615
24th Seabee Unit (April-Columbus, MS). Hersel Dumbauld, 815 Zahn St., Huntington, IN 46750
129th Constr. Bn. (May). Archie L. Lovell, Rt. 1, Box 4B-1, Transylvania, LA 71286 (318) 559-3042
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The Taps Notices mention, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion, United States government, or other forms of national prominence.

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Melvin Ozeal Lawyer, Past Department Vice Commander (1965-66) died in Fort Worth, TX

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Dr. E. V. Edwards, Past Department Commander (1924) died in Mayfield, KY

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Dr. Michael Jay Crino, Past Department Vice Commander (1962-63) and Past Department Commander (1964-65) died in Rochester, NY

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Howard Tibbals, Jr., Past Department Vice Commander (1966-67) died in Auburn, IN

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USS Blues DD387 DD744 (May-Raleigh, NC). J. F. (Frank) Balfe, P.O. Box 244, Lee Vining, CA 93541 (714) 647-6409
USS Chicago CA29, CA136, CG11 (May, Chicago, IL). Donald C. Kramer, 41 Homestead Dr., Youngstown, OH 44512 (216) 788-4842
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494th Bomb Group H (May-Scottsdale, AZ). Chuck Downing, 8102 N. 18th Pl., Phoenix, AZ 85020 (602) 997-9063

15% Benefits Increase OK'd For Legion Insurance

The Legion's National Executive Committee has approved an across-the-board 15 percent increase in benefits for all Legionnaires insured under the American Legion Insurance plan during 1980. At the same time, the committee agreed to increase the available maximum coverage from six to eight units of decreasing term insurance. Both changes were effective January 1, 1980.

For Legionnaire policy holders, this means any death benefits paid during 1980 will automatically exceed the face value of the policy by 15 percent at no additional cost.

Former Nat. Vice Cdr. Charles E. Booth Dies

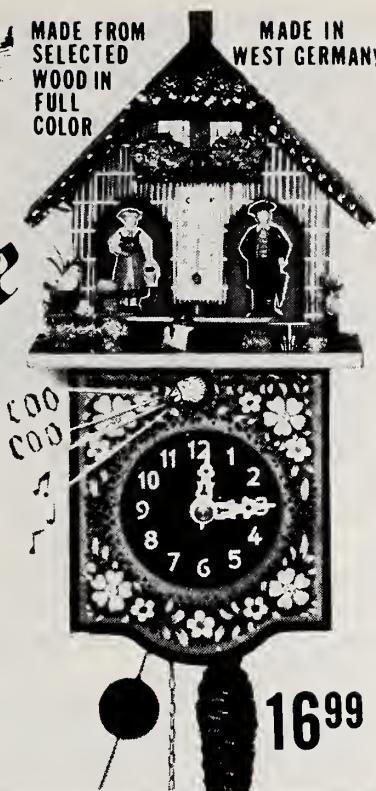
Former National Vice Cdr. and West Virginia Dept. Cdr. Charles E. Booth is dead at the age of 85.

Mr. Booth's more than 50 years of Legion contributions also included membership on the National Publications/The American Legion Magazine Commissions (1947-1974), National Security Commission (1971-79) and a host of other National and Departmental commissions.

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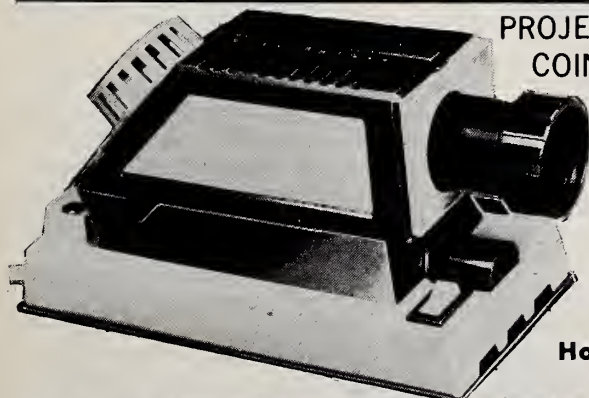
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a member of several committees.

Dr. Bernard Henry, president of the Commission, emphasizes it is a voluntary organization with no power to regulate or force action, but which can influence events by building a consensus among the diverse national organizations it represents. President Carter and his medical advisors are reported watching the Commission's progress "with great hope and interest."

President Carter, incidentally, is a six-gallon Red Cross blood donor, who regularly declares January National Volunteer Blood Donor Month. While Governor of Georgia, he proclaimed "E. M. Weldon Day" when the State American Legion Blood Chairman passed the 15-gallon mark. At 19, Weldon began giving blood in the Army on Guadalcanal.

The Commission voted to end the non-replacement fees by which many hospitals have long encouraged blood donation. Some states propose to ban these fees by law. Sen. Richard S. Schweiker (R-PA) has introduced a bill that would ban the non-replacement fees, but would allow a discount on blood charges for people who give blood. Hospital charges for blood vary greatly and there are other thorny problems.

One of the Commission's achievements is the National Blood Data Center. This a computerized facility to provide fast and accurate data on where and how blood may be obtained and where and how it is used. It was pushed by John J. Corson, the Commission's first president, who stated: "We know considerably more about the production, distribution and utilization of red paint than we do about blood."

The Commission has also worked out a new uniform system of blood labeling—readable by both eye and machine—designed to eliminate the human error that now results from handling some 144 current label variations. Essentially, it is the application to blood of the Codabar system, similar to computer checkout systems now appearing in supermarkets.

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Hepatitis B following blood transfusion has dropped 90 percent in the last decade. One factor is mandatory use of increasingly accurate tests. New vaccines for hepatitis B are being tested on humans by the New York Blood Center.

cost recovery charges. It is now 56 percent.

There have been gains for hemophiliacs. Improved concentrations of the clotting factor can be self administered. Twenty-one states now help patients pay for these products, and 25 centers established with the help of \$3 million in federal funds offer comprehensive care of hemophiliacs.

When aware of the need, Americans will give blood without special inducement. In Hawaii, civilians as well as service people responded dramatically when the Navy appealed for blood after fires fatally burned 27 and injured 85 aboard the nuclear aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise*. Within an hour, 1,000 donors were in line.

Once induced to give blood, some individuals become life-long donors. E. M. Weldon of Georgia, already mentioned, became an enthusiastic donor when he saved the life of a wounded Army sergeant. A blind man, Fred Fenwick, whose wife received 100 transfusions, for years regularly traveled 60 miles with his Seeing Eye dog to donate at the



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Contributing to the hepatitis drop is the fact that blood from paid donors, who may lie about their health, has been cut from 15-20 percent to 5-7 percent. Volunteers supply virtually all the blood needed in cities as large as Milwaukee, Minneapolis, San Francisco, Seattle and Spokane. A factor also is the new national requirement that blood and its components from paid donors be so labeled.

More blood is being collected since blood-related activities, not disaster relief, is now the top activity of the American Red Cross. In 1970, only 24 percent of the Red Cross's expenses were for blood work, and was in turn collected from hospitals in

Central Florida Blood Bank in Orlando.

Alfred Ross of New York gave his first pint of blood in 1943 when the daughter of a fellow musician developed leukemia. The child died, but her parents were so grateful to Ross that he continued to donate. "Some people play golf, others give blood," he explained. "It's my hobby."

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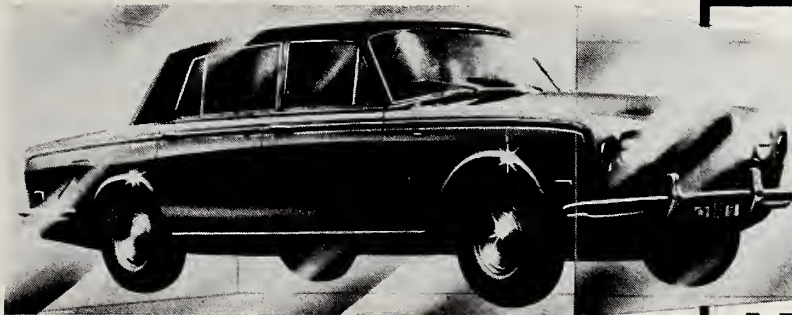
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An Oath to Mutiny

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he had only to find a way to do it. Finally, after a sleepless night, he brought the tale to the purser. He, in turn, took it to the first lieutenant, Guert Gansevoort, a man who had followed the sea for 18 years. Within minutes, Lt. Gansevoort was in Cdr. Mackenzie's sea cabin.

Mackenzie dismissed the entire notion as folderol. Certainly Wales must have been mistaken or was lying. Surely Article 13 of the Laws for the Government of the Navy was deterrent enough for any sane man: "... if any person in the Navy shall make or attempt to make any mutinous assembly, he shall, on conviction thereof by a court-martial, suffer death..." Nevertheless—in case there might be a shadow of reality in Spencer's project—the captain ordered Spencer placed under surveillance.

Gansevoort, himself nearly convinced that a mutiny was afoot or at least being discussed, watched Spencer all next day and made subtle inquiries about his past and recent behavior.

Spencer, it seems, was showing an unusual interest of late in navigational charts which mapped areas once sailed by pirates. He had had "secret and nightly conferences" with Cromwell and Small. Recently, he had given money to Small—officers were to have no financial dealings with enlisted men—and he had been seen giving both money and tobacco to certain members of the crew. He had even drawn a picture of a brig with a black pirate's flag of skull and crossbones and had repeatedly asserted that *Somers* could easily be taken. All this he did while shunning the company of his peers, choosing rather to sit in dimly lighted corners scribbling notes on bits of paper about God only-knew-what.

Presented with this "evidence" of Spencer's guilt, Mackenzie decided to be safe rather than sorry. Immediately, he confronted the youth with Wales' story and asked if it were true.

"I may have told him so, Sir," Spencer said, "but it was in joke."

To a man such as Mackenzie, who regarded naval regulations akin to holy writ and pranks acts of defiance, Spencer's admission called for action. "This, Sir," replied he, "is joking on a forbidden subject. This joke may cost you your life."

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Irrefutable evidence, given the circumstances, that a mutiny was planned. The list was all Mackenzie needed to take "appropriate" action to quell the sedition and ensure the ship's safety.

Cromwell, an ex-slaver whose name was not on the list—"He had a determined and dangerous air,"—and Small, whose name was on the list, were both arrested and placed in irons alongside Spencer. Twelve more "mutineers" also were shackled and an unofficial board of inquiry convened.

A group of officers of the captain's choosing—some were his relatives, others dependent on him for patronage—began interrogating the crew and those on Spencer's list. Mackenzie sought to get to the bottom of the thing and be done with it as expeditiously as possible. After all, what work could be done when most men feared for their lives?

Under questioning by the captain topside, Cromwell denied the only evidence against him, his having spoken secretly to Spencer: "It was not me, Sir. It was Small."

Small denied nothing. Yet, he volunteered only a "Yes, Sir" when asked about his involvement.

The crew told the board an assortment of rumors, suspicions and "facts." Several even suggested that the ship would be better off by far if Spencer, Small and Cromwell were all put to death.

At last, the seven board members—the first lieutenant, purser, assistant surgeon, acting master, and three senior midshipmen—submitted their findings to Mackenzie.

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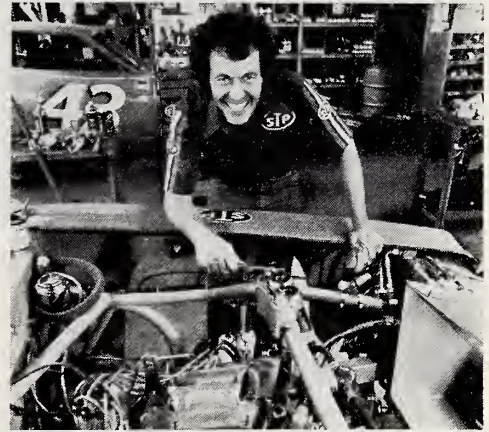
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sion upon the disaffected."

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Cromwell, again proclaiming his innocence, fell on his knees and begged Mackenzie for mercy for "my wife's sake."



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Spencer, never realizing his plotting would come to this, was trembling with fear. Nearly out of control, he turned to Cdr. Mackenzie and said: "I beg your forgiveness for what I have meditated against you. As these are my last words, I trust that they will be believed—Cromwell is innocent."

Mackenzie, shocked, consulted Gansevoort who said there was not a shadow of doubt about Cromwell's complicity. Still not satisfied, Mackenzie sent the first lieutenant to talk with the trusted petty officers. To a man, they were certain of the bosun's treason.

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An order was given. A cannon fired. Three men were hanged. Immediately Old Glory was broken on the aft gaff and Mackenzie ordered three cheers. "Never," Mackenzie said, "were three heartier cheers given."

Two weeks later, *Somers* arrived in New York. Getting wind of the story, the newspapers castigated Mackenzie for excessive use of his power. The public clamored for justice.

A naval court of inquiry convened December 28 on board the USS *North Carolina*. Each member believed the media campaign was an attempt to undermine the time-honored naval doctrine that the captain must have absolute authority at sea because he has absolute responsibility. Thus reasoning, they exonerated Mackenzie on January 19, 1843.

Possibly because of John C. Spencer's cabinet position, the affair was elevated into somewhat of a political issue. The Navy was ripe for reform and if ever there was a catalyst, the *Somers'* mutiny was it.

Thirteen of the service's highest ranking officers sat in judgment at Mackenzie's court-martial for murder, oppression and illegal punishment. After a trial lasting from February 2 until April 24, the officer was acquitted, but not unanimously. For lack of evidence, the court also ordered the dozen crewmen released.

Mackenzie, though adjudged innocent under the law, suffered scathing attacks by writers such as James Fenimore Cooper, a man who had spent precious little time before the mast. Accused of a "lamentable deficiency of judgment," the commander endured harsh criticism all of his life for hanging three men without a proper hearing or court-martial. Many felt that Spencer's mutiny was no more than a youth's playacting and the captain's punishment far out of proportion to the "crime."

To posterity Mackenzie left his defense: "In the necessities of my position I found my law, and in them also I must trust to find my justification."

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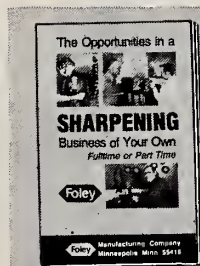
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Strike Terror!

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other cities have destroyed their files. . . .

"In other major cities," the Senator said, "there has been a wholesale destruction of files ranging from 90 to 98 percent of the previous total. Many law enforcement agencies at the state and local levels have abandoned the intelligence function and terminated their domestic intelligence units."

This is a disturbing but pertinent fact because, until a few years ago, local police were an important source of information about violence-prone groups. Now that most police departments are no longer gathering such intelligence—and subsequently passing it to the FBI—the gap has not been filled. In fact, the FBI has closed its cases on the most subversive organizations and can do no investigation unless the groups are suspected of having committed federal crimes.

On July 21, 1979, officials at the FBI were questioned by Representative C.W. Bill Young (R-FL) at a House Intelligence Committee hearing. Young asked them about the closing of most of the cases on subversive organizations as a result of the Attorney General's 1976 ruling.

Paul Nugent of the FBI's counter-terrorism section testified that the majority of the cases were closed as a direct result of the head lawyer's ruling. Congressman Young pressed Nugent on some specific cases:

YOUNG: "When was the case on the Progressive Labor Party closed?"

NUGENT: ". . . in September 1976 . . ."

YOUNG: ". . . the Progressive Labor Party has publicly proclaimed that [it intends] to take power in the United States by using 'armed struggle' and that they are engaged in a program of penetrating the armed forces. This information appeared in . . . their own magazine . . . In a case like this . . . can the FBI collect these public documents on a group like [that one] despite the fact that the case has been closed?"

NUGENT: "Absolutely not."

Agencies that depend on the FBI for intelligence are also at a loss for what to do. A few years ago, H. Stuart Knight, Director of the Secret

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Service, told a Senate Judiciary Committee that there are cities in this country that he advises the President not to visit because of the lack of intelligence information on potential terrorists and terrorist groups.

Fearing that this paucity of information could jeopardize the life of the chief executive, Knight, on December 12, 1978, explained the problems his organization faces to the House Assassinations Committee investigating the death of President John F. Kennedy. He said that as a result of the Attorney General's guidelines and the significantly decreased number of FBI informants, intelligence on potential assassins has become increasingly difficult to obtain.

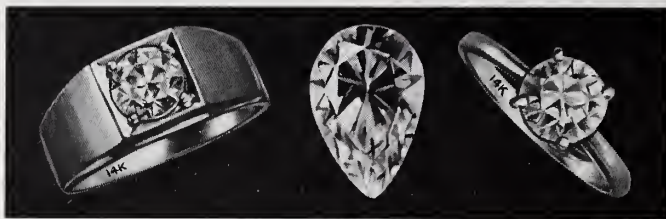
"We no longer get information on groups . . . that urge violence, those that publish tracts describing how to make bombs and Molotov cocktails," Knight told the House. ". . . those are the groups that we are interested in . . . and their potential danger to the people we protect."

After the abolition of the House Committee on Internal Security and the Senate Sub-Committee on Internal Security our internal defenses were so weakened that two Congressmen, Larry McDonald and John Ashbrook, united in an effort to restore the House Committee on Internal Security. This was to be the first step in repairing our sagging defense against terrorism.

With the support of such patriotic and concerned groups as The American Legion, they have gained support from more than 140 Representatives. These elected officials will be in the forefront during the upcoming Congressional debate on the FBI and CIA charters. They believe that these agencies must be given more latitude to be effective against terrorism internally.

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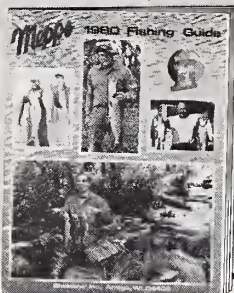
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Rommel was right.

Besides vindicating the young, untested Americans, the Rommel statement does something else. It shows that he never said, "Give them Gen. George Patton as their leader and they will be superb." Despite what Hollywood said in films, Patton was not mentioned by name.

Another document in the Archives shows that even Adolf Hitler, who respected no one's fighting abilities except those of his own Germans, finally came to realize the Americans were too much for his troops. In it he stated:

"The overpowering air superiority of the enemy and their very effective naval artillery limits the possibility of a large-scale attack on our part. We must not allow mobile warfare to develop since the enemy surpasses us by far in mobility due to his air superiority and his superabundance of motor vehicles and fuel. Therefore, everything depends on our confining him to his bridgeheads."

Instead of attacking the Americans, Hitler wanted attrition. He lost the war of attrition and, later, as in the Battle of the Bulge when he ordered a head-on attack, he lost that to the Americans as well.

That historic "Stand Fast" order is in the files along with practically every other order Hitler gave for military operations during 1944.

For historians, perhaps the most valuable documents in the Archives are scores of detailed accounts, written by German generals and admirals soon after the war, that trace unit and entire army movements through the war. They recount what leaders were thinking and doing at particular times. When placed alongside records of American, British and Canadian units, a student of history can get the complete picture.

The man who made these records possible was Gen. Franz Halder who, until Hitler fired him in mid-war, was chief of the German General Staff. Halder was anti-Hitler long be-

fore the war began in September 1939. He took an active part in opposition plans but, because Nazi armies were winning until 1942, a large opposition group could not be recruited.

Halder was fired after making disparaging remarks about Hitler's military skills. Halder was only a soldier, not a politician, and was not tried at Nuremberg.

Soon after the war, American and British collectors trailing their forces toward Berlin prevailed on Halder to persuade his fellow generals that history would be well served if they would immediately put their memoirs on paper, recounting the smallest details. This made the memoirs invaluable. They were written before generals could forget points of interest or begin embellishing their memoirs, as old soldiers so often do.

At the National Archives, along with these memoirs, are the original documents from the Nuremberg Trials and the complete files of General Eisenhower's Supreme Allied Headquarters, including the last map of the military situation on the day of surrender.

It is exhilarating for a veteran to visit the National Archives and see famous documents and pictures—in many cases the real thing, the originals. Many have never been shown publicly.

The verbatim record of the court proceedings which sent Hitler to Landsberg Prison on April 1, 1924, are in the Archives. During his month-long trial, Hitler was charged with subversion and with trying to make Bavaria independent of the Weimar Republic of Germany. Hitler and his Brown Shirts had marched in Munich hoping the German Army would join in overthrowing the government. The army refused.

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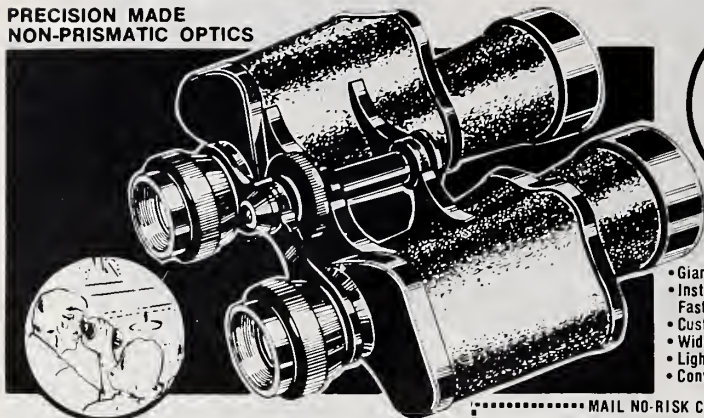
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notes taken during these military conferences show thousands of references to American military strength. Discussions were held on the advisability of attacking the Americans late in the war in what we now call "The Battle of the Bulge."

One order from Hitler called for burning these minutes just before Berlin fell and Hitler committed suicide. Obviously, Hitler wanted to cover his mistakes and to deny history the fact that he was responsible—and not so much his generals—for many of Germany's military blunders. The minutes were not burned and two of Hitler's stenographers were found after the war who verified the minutes and elaborated on them.

Eva Braun, Hitler's mistress and his wife in his final hours, was a proficient amateur photographer and over 1,000 of her informal pictures of Hitler are in one collection. Some negatives have never been used for prints.

Erwin Rommel was as good a photographer as a tactician and many of his pictures are in the Archives. Heinrich Hoffman was Hitler's favorite photographer, and his collection of 132 photo albums, 1,000 lesser pictures and 40,000 glass negatives is also in Washington.

One collection of movies of Hitler is on silent film. A documentary film producer, using the movies long after the war, brought in a lip reader so that a record would be made of what Hitler and others were saying as the movies were shot.

General Halder figures in this collection. Several pictures show him talking with Hitler and Count Claus Schenk von Stauffenberg—the man who later came close to assassinating Hitler when he planted a bomb near him at an army headquarters in East Prussia.

The original investigation of that assassination attempt was ordered the next day by Martin Bormann, then second in command in the party, head of the party chancery and secretary to Hitler. The five-month investigation culminated with a report found among Bormann's papers in Berlin. The report is so long that 3,000 exposures were needed to microfilm it.

One set of Hitler orders outlines what he expected from Operation Barbarossa, code name for the 1941-42 invasion of the Soviet Union. Orders called for killing Russian and Ukrainian civilians. While Hitler was giving the orders, he and Joseph Stalin were praising each other.

One collection of old-fashioned glass recording discs was the property of Dr. Josef Goebbels, Nazi propaganda minister. They record Hitler's tirades and those hours-long speeches he used to make at Nuremberg.

Three particularly interesting records involve "The Man Who Never Was," "Patton's Ghost Army" and a letter written by Hess before his flight to Britain.

"The Man Who Never Was" was a dead Englishman whose body was used in 1943 to dazzle Hitler into thinking the Mediterranean landings by Americans and Britons would be on Sardinia instead of Sicily. The body was pushed from a British submarine off the Spanish coast. When the documents were found, Spain's Francisco Franco rushed to tell Hitler. The ruse worked and the Sicilian landings were a success while many Germans waited on Sardinia.

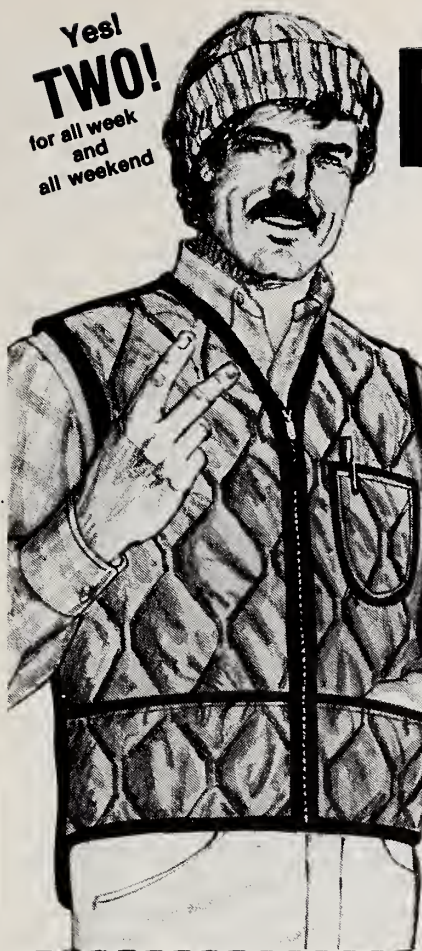
In 1944, Americans and Britons saw to it that Hitler got information indicating a large army was in Kent and commanded by Gen. George Patton. This was just before the Normandy landings in June. Patton's divisions were supposed to be waiting to cross the English Channel and land in the Pas de Calais well to the north of the Normandy beaches. The entire German 15th Army was held in the Calais area awaiting Patton's landing for more than a month after the actual landings took place to the south. Patton's army existed only on paper. The Germans were fooled.

Hess's letter was written on the afternoon of May 9, 1941, just before he took off on his strange, never fully-explained flight to Britain. The letter was sent to R. Walther Darre, Nazi Minister of Food and Agriculture and in it Hess said, "I intend to go on an extended trip and do not know when I will be back." Hess has never made it back, and today is the last surviving Nazi in Spandau Prison in Berlin.

The Archives did a good turn for postwar German Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger when an official wartime document was found which said Kiesinger, although a Nazi Party member, "inhibited" the dissemination of anti-Semitic propaganda.

Hitler is found to be an evil fool many times in various documents, none more so than in the set of papers on "Operation Sea Lion"—the 1940-41 invasion plan for Britain that Hitler never could pull off. Some of his comments in the papers

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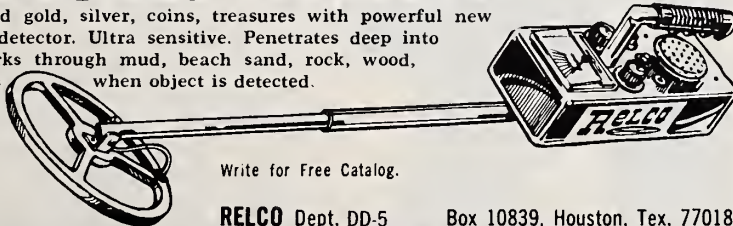
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The National Archives is still increasing its Nazi records. Of course, traffic is a trickle now compared to the cases and truck loads of papers and pictures that used to pour into an old World War I torpedo factory on the waterfront of Alexandria, VA, six miles south of Washington.

Researchers and microfilmmers did most of the indexing and record-arranging in that musty, old building. Later, the records went to the Archives.

Additional records on the Luftwaffe are needed. Many were destroyed in bombings and no one can be sure just what is missing.

Most of the records of the Prussian Army, known to cover 500 years of history, were destroyed in a fire in Potsdam, East Germany, in April 1945. Many records of the German military in World War I also were lost in bombings and fires during that spring.

In addition, Wolfe would like to get copies of a large collection of German material going back to the time of the Iron Chancellor, Otto von Bismarck. These records were in a salt mine not far from Berlin. The area was controlled for a few weeks by U.S. Army units, but Americans did not know the records were right under their feet. When they pulled back to let the Soviets take the area and capture Berlin, they missed these records and the Soviets got them. There is little sharing of them.

Finally, Wolfe believes that somewhere—maybe in America, Britain or the Soviet Union—there is a roll of film which shows the garroting of German resistance leaders who tried, but failed, to assassinate Hitler late in the war. Dr. Goebbels had such photographs made for Hitler. The pictures were taken at Ploetzensee Prison in Berlin and two copies were known to have been made. Both have disappeared.

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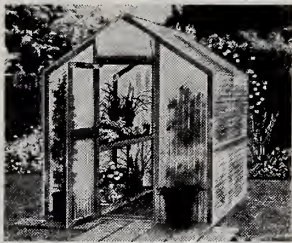
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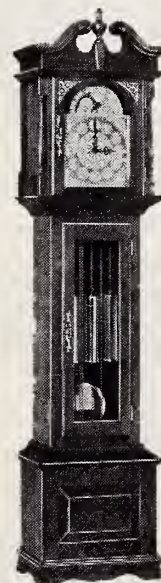
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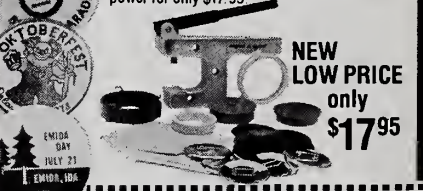
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Relief!

Worried over what to give his girl for her birthday, a teenager asked his mother for help. "Mom, if you were going to be sixteen tomorrow, what would you want?" Her heartfelt reply was, "Not another thing!"

—G. G. CRABTREE

Traffic Retort

I creep, brake and crawl in a
no progress rut . . .
Why call this *rush hour*?
It's anything but.

—MARIE BOEHRINGER

Sage Advice

Don't ask your five-year-old questions such as, "Do you know why I'm spanking you?" Be realistic. If you don't know, he won't either.

—WILLIAM GERSNER

Once Americans lived happily and made an easy living without welfare or government assistance. Then the white man came.

—LANE OLINGHOUSE

Don't Ms. Understand Me!

Do not be *Miss*-led by the *Ms.* I use;
It isn't exactly the title I'd choose.
It's really no more than a substitute
For the *M-r-s.* I'd like to toot!

—CORINNE BARITEAU

BORE: Someone who is here today and here tomorrow.

—LUCILLE J. GOODYEAR

Baby, It's Cold Outside!

March is fair, June is rare,
October's leaves are polished.
May is grand, give July a hand,
But February should be abolished.

—W. E. MORGAN

Buck Up

We must face these trying times
With optimism and pluck,
And remember that inflation
Is only a drop in the buck!

—RUTH M. WALSH

Middle Age: When the narrow waist and the broad mind seem to change places.

—GEORGE DELAINE

Winter Wonderland

What do I see in the dancing flames?
What fireplace fantasy?
Logs that cost \$95 a cord—
That is what I see!

—CAROL MAYFIELD

By the time we discover money does not grow on trees, we find ourselves too far out on a limb.

—EDWARD OTTO

Quotes

Eve: "I haven't a thing to wear."

Helen of Troy: "What! Another launching?"

Carrie Nation: "Before I wreck your saloon, how about one for the road?"

Mrs. Franklin: "So you've invented electricity! That just means another bill every month."

—WM. MORGAN

Last Look

Wrinkles, wrinkles, crags and crinkles,
How deep you quickly grow,
Until at last all beauty's past,
And naught but soul doth show.

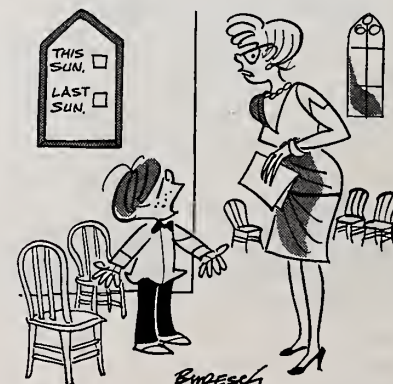
—W. I. PRICE

February Features

There's truthful George and honest Abe,
And St. Valentine's Day as well—
But this month has one more claim
to fame:

It's the hardest by far to spell!

—ROSEMARIE WILLIAMSON



"Yes, I did try to look up the Beatitudes, but they wasn't in the yellow pages."

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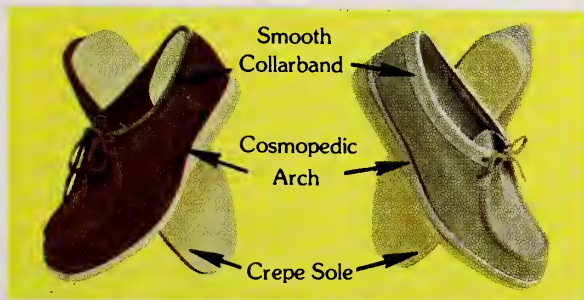
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